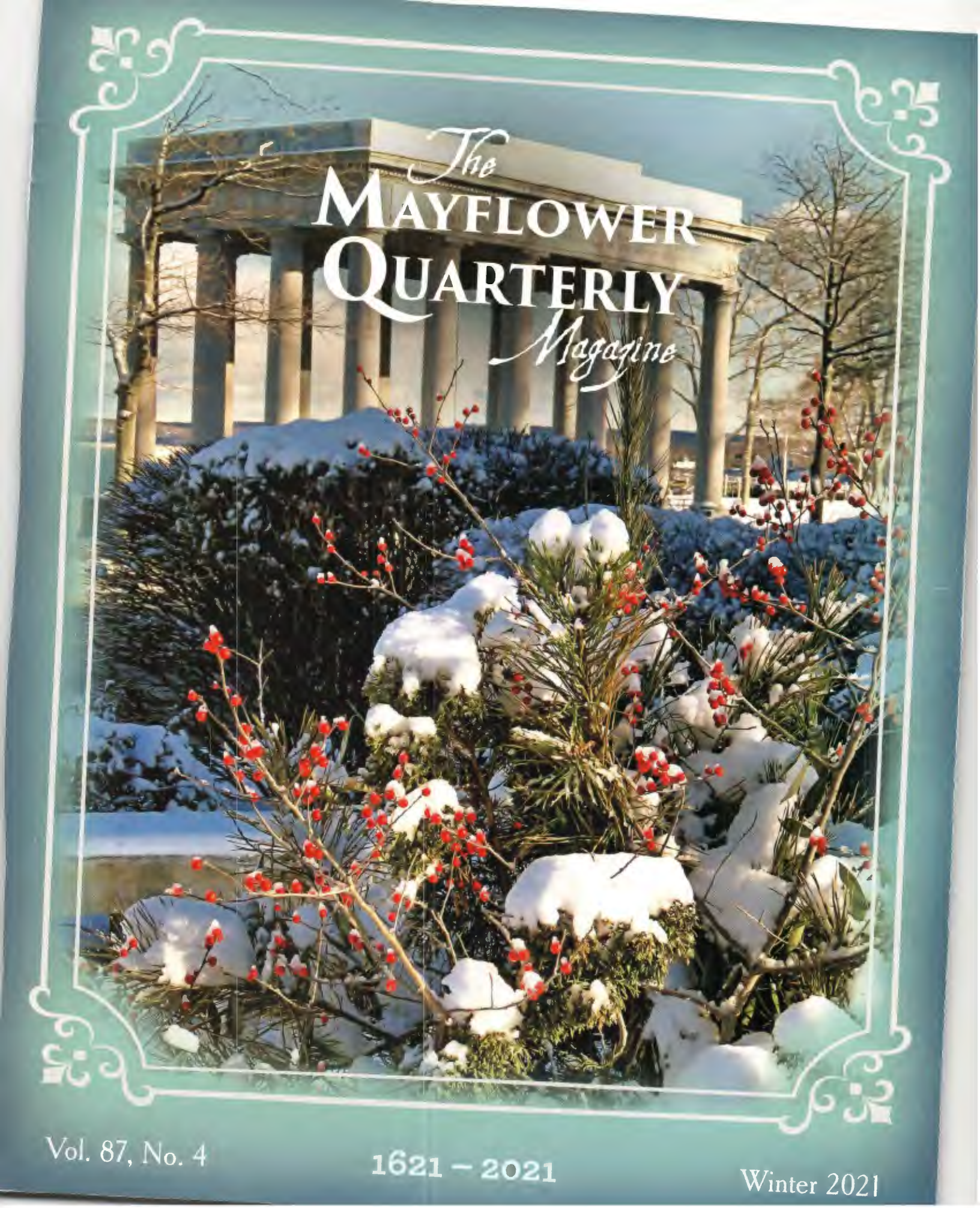

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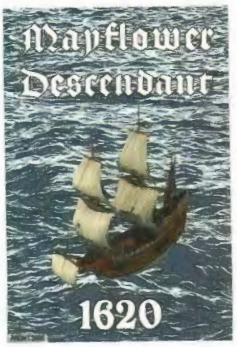

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Editor's Note

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Welcome to the winter edition of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*!

As I write this Editor's Note, fall is unfolding and winter is on the horizon in New England. As the crimson and burnt orange leaves begin to cover the ground and we make our own preparations for the coming cold, we can also imagine our ancestors tending to their woodpiles and shoring up their cottages for the coming chilly season back in 1621.

With this winter issue, I am completing my first year as your Editor-in-Chief. This past year as your Editor was a wonderful experience and I learned a great deal. I am most grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity and I look forward to guiding the production of our magazine for many issues to come.

This issue also sees us closing out the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving. While our official year of gratitude to commemorate this event is coming to an end, we, the ancestors of a grateful people, will continue onward with thankful hearts. We are especially grateful that so many of us were able to gather in Plymouth for the GBOA meeting in September. You will find the GBOA Meeting minutes in this issue as well as some captivating photos from the events held in Plymouth.

There are many interesting articles in this edition of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* and I draw your attention to one in particular. You will find on page 46 an article by Dana Palmer, a professional genealogist. In the article, Dana discusses one way a GSMD application can be approved with indirect evidence connecting the various generations.

The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine is your magazine and we are most eager to have your input and contributions. We are always looking for interesting articles, suggestions, photos, and volunteers to help coordinate different sections of the magazine. I would especially like to receive pictures from our members capturing their trips to Plymouth and other Mayflower-related sites. Please send your ideas, pictures, and news of your special events to me at **MQMeditor@TheMayflowerSociety.org.**

– A.R.W.

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Governor General's Message

Governor General Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt

As we say farewell to 2021 and the 400th Anniversary of the first Thanksgiving, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our Massachusetts members and Governor Barbara-Lee Kelly for serving as hosts for the 2021 General Board of Assistants Meeting this past September. A record number of over 350 GBOA attendees were delighted to be together in-person. A highlight of the weekend was the dedication of the Governor William Bradford statue during the Society House Garden Reception.

October was a busy month. This officer was pleased to be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of South Dakota on October 2, 2021, held in Armour, South Dakota. I traveled to Plymouth and welcomed our new Executive Director Mark Schmidt on October 12th. Please join me in welcoming Mark! On October 23rd, this officer attended the annual meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut, where I was pleased to install their new officers. During the weekend of October 30th, this Governor General was pleased to be the guest speaker and install new officers at the meeting of the Alabama Society of Mayflower Descendants. The Governor General's State of the Society webinar was held on October 26th.

It was my pleasure to visit the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina on November 6th in Charlotte. My official Governor General visits also included the Delaware Society on November 20th and the Maryland Society on November 21st, serving as the guest speaker. It has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity to meet with so many of you during the past few months. Thank you for your hospitality.

Also in November, the appeal letters were mailed, and I thank you for considering a gift to the General Society. This time of year, we remember our ancestors, the first Thanksgiving in a new land, and reflect upon our past while looking toward the future. To all our members, I hope you had a meaningful Thanksgiving season.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas filled with peace and love.

New Society Website Debuted in September!

Christine Schlosser and Marty Beerman

The Mayflower Society in Plymouth debuted a new website in September! You can view the site at www.TheMayflowerSociety.org.

After nearly a year of hard work and dedication by the GSMD Technology Committee, with the support of the Library and Administrative Teams, Executive Committee Members and Committee Chairs, The Mayflower Society's new virtual front door is open and ready for visitors!

While a website serves many purposes, the new website is designed to focus on the Society's mission and key activities of research and education. With that focus as the roadmap, the Society is further engaging prospective members, donors, researchers, and of course, members – all with a visually appealing design and easy, intuitive navigation.

You will also notice the official debut of The Mayflower Society as the Society's public face, reflecting what the Society is so often called. Be assured, however, the General Society of Mayflower Descendants name continues.

Some new features include pages devoted to the Mayflower Voyage, the Mayflower Compact, Women and Children of the *Mayflower*, and profiles of each of the twenty-six Mayflower Passenger Families with descendants.

For prospective members, there is expanded content about how to join The Mayflower Society, including Genealogy Tips and Tricks and Application Do's and Don'ts. For prospective donors, giving opportunities and demonstrating the strong impact donations have on the future of the Society are highlighted.

In the enhanced members-only area, members and Member Societies have access to a comprehensive menu of unique resources and Society contacts.

And this is only the beginning! New content, including more photos and videos, will continue to be added in the months ahead. Welcome to the new www.TheMayflowerSociety.org!

Christine Schlosser, Wisconsin, is the chair of the GSMD Technology Committee. Members include Marty Beerman, Nebraska; Allie Golon, Colorado; Reed Kneale, Pennsylvania; and Mike Nichols, Texas.

Mayflower Meetinghouse Update

Lea Sinclair Filson, Former Governor General and Meetinghouse President

As fall weather paints a colorful canvas across New England before the snowy white winter wonderland sets in, the Mayflower Meetinghouse crews are working to get as much done as possible. Construction usually pauses during the winter months, especially outside, and that is the first part of this phase of our restoration.

A transformer will soon be installed behind the Meetinghouse to power the elevator that will aid the elderly and disabled who visit. We are now at the point of our journey that efforts will involve the not-so-pretty parts of bringing a building back to life. Things like the elevator, new heat and air installation, restrooms, and mapping out how to add sound, lights, etc., without interfering with the character or beauty of the building.

While we are doing that, the Trustee Representatives are working to make sure there is funding available for each phase before it begins. Our funding materials for major donors is complete and trips are being planned to meet with interested donors. In the meantime, many of our Member Societies and Family Societies are contributing regularly, and for that, we thank you. We have collected nearly $5 million so far, but we have much further to go.

Make future plans to travel to Plymouth during November. If you arrive the weekend before Thanksgiving in any year, there is always a concert by the Plymouth Philharmonic on Friday night, Plimoth Patuxet Thanksgiving meals and exhibits, the USA Thanksgiving Parade on Saturday, and our own Mayflower Society Illumination program happening on parade day at 4:30 pm. Enjoy words from William Bradford and walk with your candle down Leyden Street at dusk. Then enjoy dinner in the historic district. Shops are also filled with Thanksgiving themed goodies.

In September, I did a presentation for the Brewster Society, and their members will be donating $15,000 toward sponsoring one of our ten bells! What a great choice. Now anytime they visit, when they hear the bells chime or play a song, they will be able to smile, knowing they are listening to the "Brewster Bell." A huge thanks goes out to them! The "Brewster Bell" has a nice ring to it, don't you think?

Treasurer General Bart Henson has become a representative of the Trust as part of his GSMD Executive Committee term serving through September 2023. Former Counsellor General Dick Gilmore's term ended in September of this year, and at its last Trust meeting, Governor General Jane Hurt appointed GSMD Captain General Carter Wiese to serve through

▲ Mayflower Meetinghouse.

September 2026. We thank Dick Gilmore for his years of service. He personally helped to create the original Trust document between First Parish Church and GSMD that later became the GSMD Meetinghouse Trust. As a founder of this project, he will always be appreciated and remembered.

If you know of a family trust, a corporation, or a major donor prospect, please get in touch with me. My hope is to meet our fundraising goals as quickly as possible so we can open our doors to the many people who journey to Plymouth to learn the Mayflower story. It takes all of us to make this happen.

▲ Mayflower Meetinghouse Bells.

For those of you who have continued to send amounts large and small and for your faith and support, please know you are the building blocks that are making this incredible legacy possible. The ancestors thank you!

GBOA 2021

Doug Blake, Marketing and Communications Coordinator

When I began my position as the Marketing and Communications Coordinator at The Mayflower Society, there were a number of acronyms I had to learn: GSMD for General Society of Mayflower Descendants, GG for Governor General, FGG for Former Governor General, MLM for Mayflower Lineal Match, etc. Amongst them all however, one seemed to be spoken of in a different way, the GBOA, acronym for General Board of Assistants.

People spoke of the GBOA Meeting with a mixture of great excitement, anticipation, and a hint of stoic resolve, bracing for the work that needed to be done. Once I learned what was going to happen at the event, I found myself thinking of those four letters in a similar way.

With the GBOA Meeting occurring during only my second week of employment at The Mayflower Society, the preparations and planning, at times, seemed almost overwhelming. Yet, what better way to get to know an organization and its members than participating in the biggest event of the year. The GBOA Meeting would give me a chance to meet, in person, GSMD members from all over the country, and for them to meet me. In short, a perfect opportunity for someone in my position in communications.

In addition to the tours and other events associated with the GBOA Meeting, I would also be able to witness another important and interesting aspect of the GBOA, the actual meeting. While parliamentary procedure and amended bylaws is not what most would call exciting, getting to watch the organization's operation would be informative on many levels. Along with the business end, there would be interesting updates and talks. As a historian, I was particularly excited to hear about projects such as the Mayflower Society House renovations, updates to the *Silver Books*, and the Meetinghouse restoration.

There is also a personal connection that made me excited to witness the week's events. Having studied and worked in the field of Plymouth Colony history for over ten years, the idea of being a descendant myself has always been an intriguing prospect. Recently I found, that through the Hopkins line, this might be the case. While there is still much work to be done, at some point in the future I could very well say, not only do I work at The Mayflower Society, I'm also a member!

The 2021 GBOA Meeting seemed more special than normal. While I only have the 2021 GBOA Meeting to judge by, everyone in attendance seemed especially joyful to be in Plymouth to attend the meeting. While getting to meet in the Town of Plymouth, where it all happened 400 years ago, is always special, it seemed more than just that. In light of 2020 and the inability to fully celebrate Plymouth's 400th anniversary in person, I feel people were happy to finally meet face-to-face again, and it showed in the many smiles I saw on attendees throughout the event.

Speaking of smiles, I captured a lot of them in the photos I took. The GBOA Meeting was my trial by fire as a photographer for The Mayflower Society. Over the course of the event, I took photos in all sorts of different conditions and locations. Photos inside, photos outside, dimly lit and brightly lit, my trusty camera snapped away. When the smoke had cleared and the event was over, I had taken nearly 2,000 photos in total. While on inspection, many were but blurry blobs vaguely shaped like people, some turned out as actual pictures. I hope you agree with me while looking at the photos throughout this issue, that there is one thing common in all of them: everyone's love for the event shows.

I look forward to taking thousands of more happy photos and working with everyone in the coming years.

Gratitude is the sign of noble souls.

– Aesop

General Board of Assistants Meeting Minutes

Plymouth, Massachusetts – September 10, 2021

The Annual Meeting of the General Board of Assistants of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants was called to assemble by Assistant Governor General Donald T. Studley on Friday, September 10, 2021, at the Hotel 1620 in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The meeting was called to order at 9 am by Governor General Jane E. Groves Hurt, with Secretary General Meg P. Averett in attendance. Elder General Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike Jr. gave the invocation.

Captain General Carter Wiese called upon the Mayflower Guard, under the direction of Acting Commander Charles Provost, to present the colors, including the Flag of the United States of America, the General Society, and the Massachusetts Mayflower Society. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Captain General Wiese.

The Massachusetts Mayflower Society, Barbara-Lee Kelly, Governor, brought greetings. Assistant Governor General Studley responded to the welcome by thanking the Massachusetts Society for hosting the 2021 GBOA Meeting and making this 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving memorable.

Governor General Hurt presented the Executive Committee Officers: Assistant Governor General Donald Studley, CPA, Secretary General Meg Averett, Acting Treasurer General (for this meeting) Donald Studley, CPA, Historian General Midge Hurtuk, Counsellor General Lisa Pennington, Esq., Elder General Rev. Dr. Thomas Pike, Captain General Carter Wiese, and Members-at-Large Bonnie Mucia, Jane Schleinzer, and Lorrie Link. Regrettably, Surgeon General George J. Hill, MD was unable to attend.

Governor General Hurt recognized Former Governors General in attendance, Judith H. Swan, Lea S. Filson, and George P. Garmany. Mildred Ramos and Bruce C. MacGunnigle were unable to attend. Lea S. Filson and George P. Garmany were also recognized as Former Assistant Governors General. Former Assistant Governors General Terry McKane, Donald West, and Susan Roser were unable to attend.

Our GBOA photographer, John Keller of Nebraska was recognized. Becky Fairfield of Kansas, Governor General Hurt's niece, was introduced. The GSMD Staff members in attendance and assisting with the meeting were introduced. Thanks were given to all who have assisted in the execution of the GBOA Meeting.

Governor General Hurt introduced Mark Schmidt, the new Executive Director. He will be joining GSMD next month, coming to us from the Falmouth Historical Society. Greetings were given to Mr. Schmidt and his wife Doreen Schmidt.

Governor General Hurt recognized the Mayflower Guard in attendance led by Acting Commander Charles Provost of Indiana; Susan Abanor of New York, Cathy Bambenek of Texas, Noel Kuhrt of Delaware, Ray Raser of California, Jeff Stark of Wisconsin, and Ben Proctor, Drummer, of Maryland.

Professional Registered Parliamentarian, Mary Scout, was appointed and welcomed by Governor General Hurt. Mrs. Scout gave an overview of parliamentary procedure including the role of the parliamentarian.

Governor General Hurt announced the appointment of two timekeepers for this meeting, Marcia Maloney of California, and Randy Roberts of Vermont. Nancy Saul of North Carolina and Chris Schlosser of Wisconsin served as tellers. Susan Braun of Colorado assisted with the microphones for this meeting.

The necrology of officers was read by Elder General Reverend Dr. Thomas Pike as follows.

IN MEMORIAM

The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine publishes notices of the passing of current and past General Society and Member Society officers, as well as members who have passed the age of 100.

The following are those we lost in the past two years, since the 2019 General Board of Assistants Meeting in Colorado.

GENERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

ROBERT ALLEN GREENE, Former Governor General (1993-1996) and past Governor of the Rhode Island Society, passed away September 18, 2019. He was a descendant of John Howland.

COL. EDWARD DELANO SULLIVAN, Former Governor General (2005-2008), Former Counsellor General (2002-2005) and past Governor of Florida, passed away March 21, 2020. He was a descendant of John Alden, William Mullins, John Howland, John Tilley, and Joan Tilley.

DR. DENNIS EARL WARD SR., Former Surgeon General (1999-2002) and past Governor of the Mississippi Society, passed away on May 3, 2021. He was a descendant of Myles Standish.

HARRY PAINE FOLGER 3RD, Former Assistant Governor General (2008-2011), Former GSMD Deputy Governor General – New Jersey and past Governor and Secretary of the New Jersey Society, passed away May 7, 2021. He was co-editor with Alice Teal of *The Mayflower Quarterly Diamond Jubilee Edition* published in 2018. He was a descendant of John Howland.

MEMBER SOCIETY OFFICERS

JERRY DUNCAN MCINNIS, Past Elder of the Nebraska Society, passed away April 12, 2019. He was a descendant of William Brewster.

RICHARD JAMES SCHLAPIA, Past Historian of the District of Columbia Society, passed away September 16, 2019. He was a descendant of John Alden.

HELEN C. BLACKBURN, Past Governor of the Indiana Society, passed away November 11, 2019.

VAUGHN LYMAN LAWRENCE, Past Governor of the Nebraska Society, passed away on December 2, 2019. He was a descendant of Richard Warren and John Howland.

CHARLES RAY HAMILTON, Past Governor of the Georgia Society, passed away on December 11, 2019. He was a descendant of John Howland.

PATRICIA BATCHELDER SCAHILL, Secretary of the Indiana Society, passed away January 28, 2020. She was a descendant of Edward Fuller, Isaac Allerton, and John Howland.

CATHERINE ANNE POULS, Historian of the Michigan Society, passed away on September 28, 2020. She was a descendant of Thomas Rogers and Stephen Hopkins.

CHARLES GETTO, Counsellor of the Kansas Society, passed away on November 1, 2020. He was a descendant of Isaac Allerton, Richard Warren, Mary Norris Allerton, Mary Allerton, and Francis Cooke.

DR. JOAN KIMNACH LEHR, Past Governor of the Ohio Society, passed away on November 20, 2020. She was a descendant of John Alden.

ELIZABETH ISHAM, Past Governor of the Vermont Society, passed away on June 28, 2021. She was a descendant of John Howland, John Tilley, Joan Hurst Tilley, and Edward Fuller.

SOCIETY CENTENARIANS

CAROL BERNICE CALKINS POWELL, a member of the Kansas Society, passed away in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 2, 2021, at the age of 106. She was a descendant of William and Susanna White.

ELECTION OF NOMINEES

Secretary General Meg Averett read the nominees to the General Society offices of Deputy Governors General and Assistants General for election.

CA: DGG Nominee Ray Raser
AG Nominee Scott A. Miller

CO: DGG Nominee Richard Jeffords
AG Nominee Susan Braun

FL: DGG Nominee Kenneth E. Carter
AG Nominee James Preston

KY: DGG Nominee Ben J. Talbott Jr.
AG Nominee Anissa Davis

LA: AG Nominee Heather Green Matrana

MD: DGG Nominee Timothy Mallory
AG Nominee Nancy Young

MN: DGG Nominee Bryan Edwards
AG Nominee Lori Reynolds

NE: AG Nominee Martin Beerman

NC: DGG Nominee Jill S. Chapman
AG Nominee Martha D'Alessandro

OK: AG Nominee Cherie Lawson

PA: AG Nominee Deborah Yingst

SD: DGG Nominee Collier Wiese

TN: DGG Nominee Jon Kessell
AG Nominee Dennis C. Klotter

VT: DGG Nominee Carolyn Adams
AG Nominee Randy L. Roberts

WY: AG Nominee Autumn Lynne Mayberry

MOTION: Secretary General Averett moved "the election of these twenty-four officer nominees." **Adopted**

ROLL CALL

Secretary General Averett began the roll call with the General Officers, the Former Governors General and the Former Assistant Governors General; the following were present:

Executive Committee Officers
Governor General Jane E. Groves Hurt
Assistant Governor General Donald T. Studley
Secretary General Meg P. Averett
Historian General Marjorie 'Midge' K. Hurtuk
Counsellor General Lisa H. Pennington
Captain General Carter O. Wiese
Elder General Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike

Executive Committee Members-at-Large
Bonnie Wade Mucia
Jane Duxbury Schleinzer
Lorrie A. Link

Former Governors General
Judith H. Swan
Lea Sinclair Filson
George P. Garmany Jr.

Secretary General Averett continued the roll call of the General Board of Assistants; the following were present,
Deputy Governors General and Assistants General:

AL:	DGG Alan M. Davis AG Ann R. Ferguson
AK:	AG Sidnie A. Kruse
AZ:	Acting AG Maura J. Mackowski
AR:	DGG Linda K. White Acting AG Marvin A. Singleton
AU:	Acting DGG Steven B. Arnold Acting AG Judith A. Arnold
CA:	DGG Raymond C. Raser AG Scott A. Miller
CN:	Acting DGG W. Becket Soule
CO:	DGG Richard F. Jeffords AG Susan C. Braun
CT:	DGG Mary F. Brown AG Gregory E. Thompson
DE:	DGG Noel H. Kuhrt Jr. AG Robert J. Hanson Jr.
D.C.:	DGG Elizabeth G. Hicks AG Ann M. Campbell
EU:	DGG Suzanne Ress Acting AG Cathy Smith
FL:	DGG Kenneth E. Carter Acting AG Jacqueline L. Arsenault
GA:	Acting DGG Alan Smith* AG Julia A. Farrigan
HI:	AG Lynda J. Hylander
ID:	DGG Deborah Lasher-Hardy AG Cherie W. Lasher
IL:	DGG Jessica Schleinzer Acting AG Ann W. Wilkerson
IN:	DGG Charles L. Provost AG Laura A. Smith
IA:	AG Kenneth R. Callison
KS:	DGG Della J. Regenold AG John C. Sherman
KY:	Acting DGG Anissa Davis Acting AG Martina Y. Ockerman
ME:	DGG Michael R. Denny AG Carla K. Rigby
MD:	AG Nancy A. Young
MA:	DGG Barbara-Lee Kelly AG Polly F. Kimmitt
MI:	DGG Grace B. Smith Acting AG Thora Goodnight*
MN:	DGG Bryan D. Edwards AG Lori J. Reynolds
MS:	Acting DGG Peggy Moss* AG Nancy J. Harrison
MO:	Acting AG Sumner Hunnewell
NE:	GG Gretchen K. Harvey AG Martin W. Beerman
NV:	Acting DGG Phyllis L. Anderson Acting AG Norman E. Anderson
NH:	DGG Heather D. Rojo AG Anne L. Vadakin
NJ:	DGG Nancy Popielarski AG Stephen H. Gibbon
NY:	DGG Adelaide P. Farah AG Susan G. Abanor
NC:	DGG Jill S. Chapman AG Martha A. D'Alessandro
ND:	DGG Margaret B. Bobertz AG Sandra E. Roe
OH:	Acting AG Donald N. Nichols
OK:	Acting DGG R. Norma Hughes AG Cherie S. Lawson
OR:	AG Helene E. Lambright
PA:	DGG Reed D. Kneale AG Deborah A. Yingst
RI:	Acting DGG William W. Taylor Jr. AG Nancy E. Wildes
SC:	DGG Jeffrey A. Jackson AG Melana A. Maxie
SD:	DGG Collier A. Wiese AG Sharon A. Wiese
TN:	DGG Jon T. Kessell
TX:	DGG Judie A. Allen AG Prarie B. Counce
VT:	DGG Carolyn L. Adams AG Randy L. Roberts
VA:	Acting DGG Michael J. Winslow
WA:	Acting DGG Martha L. Music
WV:	DGG Vickie L. Baker AG Martha W. Endres
WI:	DGG Charlene A. Janeczko AG Jeffrey J. Stark
WY:	DGG Elwood M. Porter

MOTION: Secretary General Averett moved "to seat the officers and acting officers present during the roll call." FGG Lea S. Filson seconded the motion.

*AG Julia Farrigan, Georgia, moved to seat D. Alan Smith as Acting DGG for Georgia.

There being no objection, D. Alan Smith, Georgia, was added to the roll call as Acting DGG.

*DGG Grace Smith, Michigan, moved to seat Thora Goodnight as Acting AG for Michigan.

There being no objection, Thora Goodnight, Michigan, was added to the roll call as Acting AG.

*AG Nancy Harrison, Mississippi, moved to seat Peggy Moss as Acting DGG for Mississippi.

There being no objection, Peggy Moss, Michigan, was added to the roll call as Acting DGG.

There being no further objections, the roll call officers as amended were seated. **Adopted**

Approval of Agenda
The following additions were made to the agenda:

The election of Treasurer General will follow the proposed bylaw amendments, then followed by the installation of officers.

With no objections, the agenda was approved as corrected. **Approved**

Adoption of Standing Rules
MOTION: SG Averett moved "the Standing Rules be adopted as presented." There being no objections, the standing rules were adopted. **Adopted**

Approval of Minutes of the 20 June 2020 General Board of Assistants Special Online Meeting
The minutes of the 20 June 2020 General Board of Assistants Meeting held online were approved without objection as distributed by e-mail to the GBOA members, published in the Fall 2020 issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* and posted on the GSMD website. **Approved**

Actions of the Executive Committee
The actions of the Executive Committee September to December 2020, and January through August 2021, were distributed by e-mail to all General Board of Assistants members. Therefore, only the actions of the meeting held in Plymouth, Massachusetts, dated 08 September 2021, were read.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS SEPTEMBER 2020 – SEPTEMBER 2021

Executive Committee ACTIONS-08 September 2021

1. To approve the minutes of the 31 August 2021 Executive Committee Virtual Zoom Meeting.
2. To approve the minutes of the 18 August 2021 Executive Committee Special Virtual Zoom Meeting.
3. To thank Elizabeth Gaudreau for her years of service as Treasurer General.
4. To appoint Assistant Governor General Don Studley Acting Treasurer General for the GBOA meeting on Friday, September 10, 2021.
5. That Bart Henson be the nominee for Treasurer General to serve the remainder of the 2020-2023 term.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-18 August 2021

1. To approve the minutes of the 21 July 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Virtual Zoom Meeting.
2. To approve the minutes of the 4 August 2021 special Executive Committee Virtual Zoom Meeting.
3. To accept the proposal from Walpole to replace the five garden arbors at a cost of $19,186.25.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-4 August 2021

1. That the following statement be distributed to those registered for the September GBOA meeting and events. The GSMD statement will be modified and redistributed with an updated effective date and COVID-19 regulations upon announcement by the State of Massachusetts and/or the Town of Plymouth.

   As of August 4, 2021, until further notice, The GSMD Executive Committee plans to hold the 2021 GBOA Meeting in Plymouth, Massachusetts, as planned. We will follow all regulations regarding COVID-19 health as mandated by the State of Massachusetts and the Town of Plymouth.

   The current Massachusetts COVID-19 regulations are:

   Effective July 30: *The Department of Public Health has issued a new mask advisory in light of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance. In addition to unvaccinated individuals, fully vaccinated individuals are advised to wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home) if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is an unvaccinated adult. Masks are still mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.*

We recognize each GSMD member's responsibility for their own health and look forward to a safe GBOA meeting.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-21 July 2021

1. To approve the minutes of the 26 June 2021 Executive Committee Meeting at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
2. To accept the garden lighting proposal from Frost Lighting for $845.25 to be paid from the 2020 Fund and the related proposal from Glynn Electric for circuit, transformer, wiring, and labor of $3,000 from the capital reserve fund.
3. To ratify the contract for the inspection of the Mayflower Society House timber frame, repairs, and supplying the necessary equipment to examine and assist with developing a non-destructive method for pulling wires to replace the knob and tube electrical with Michael Burrey, MLB Restorations, for $15,000, with a deposit of $2,500, and the balance of funds appropriated.
4. To approve the Bartlett Tree Service proposal for $1,480 to cut trees and prune where necessary.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-26 June 2021

1. To adopt the agenda as amended: The date was corrected, the location was added, the benediction was added, and four new business items were added: Library deck and ramp repair, House Wi-Fi, Brenner Signs and Awnings, and Arkansas issues. One item under unfinished business was omitted: Review of the fiscal year ending June 30 outside of budget expenditures.
2. To approve the minutes of the 12 May 2021 Executive Committee Virtual ZOOM Meeting.
3. To approve the 19 May 2021 invoice from Allscape in the amount of $1,800 for the installation of the Bradford Statue with allocated funds from the 2020 fund.
4. To accept the 11 June 2021 Sunstein invoice of $2,118.50 for trademark law matters for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants to be paid from the budgeted legal expense line item, pending invoice comparisons of the original trademark renewal by Executive Director Belekewicz and the Director of Finance to confirm the exact amount due.
5. To accept the Indian Pond contract for the 2023 Congress Banquet with a limit of 460 attendees.
6. To accept the 24 June 2021 contract from GeneFun for ten hours of work at a maximum cost of $2,000 for the Virtual Vault.
7. To donate $1,500 from the 2020 Fund to the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless.
8. To proceed with the insurance claim for water damage in the House.
9. To approve the spreadsheet items for the $223,695.50 proposals for House repairs.
10. To accept the 24 June 2021 invoice from Rick McKee for $217.50 for emergency library deck repairs.
11. To accept the 3 June 2021 proposal to repair/replace (option A) the front sign at the Mayflower Society House for a total of $2,820.
12. To ratify the $150 5 May 2020 payment to Glynn Electric for the House WIFI upgrade.
13. To approve the 2022 budget.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-12 May 2021

1. To approve the minutes of the 21 April 2021 Executive Committee Virtual ZOOM Meeting and the 29 April 2021 Special Executive Committee Meeting.
2. To move the business meeting into Executive Session, including FGG Garmany and Executive Director Belekewicz, to discuss Charles C. Morgan vs. GSMD.
3. To suspend Policy #44, the 1,000-mile automobile round trip reimbursement limit and also allow for rideshares from the Boston Logan Airport to Plymouth for the June 2021 EC Meeting and the September 2021 GBOA Meeting.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-28 April 2021

1. To accept the April 2021 Mayflower Society House repair work plan, which does not include wholesale interior redecoration, with a $400,000 - $600,000 project range from Brian Pfeiffer, Preservation Advisory Services, to be funded by the current year surplus.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-21 April 2021

1. To approve the minutes of the 20 March 2021 Executive Committee Virtual Zoom Meeting.
2. To ratify the action by e-mail on March 28, 2021, to adopt the Plimoth Patuxet contract for a Thanksgiving Banquet on Friday, September 10, 2021, at the cost of $12,050, not to exceed $14,000.
3. To approve payment of up to $3,500 to replace the two Garden flagpoles.

4. To suspend the $200 limit for car rentals for the June EC Meeting and the September GBOA Meeting.

5. To ratify the April 14, 2021, contract from Burgess Pest Management for rodent removal at the cost of $1,195 and a monthly service of $95 beginning June 2021.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-20 March 2021

1. To adopt the agenda.

2. To approve the minutes of the 17 February 2021 Executive Committee Virtual ZOOM Meeting.

3. The Governor General will appoint a Minutes Approval Committee for each meeting.

4. To postpone the development proposal until the Development Committee reports to the Executive Committee.

5. To amend the 17 February 2021 motion: To accept the high-efficiency furnace replacement proposal for the Mayflower Society House from Stefani Plumbing & Heating at the cost of $17,300.

6. To accept the Genealogy Research Library replacement light proposal from Glynn Electric for the removal of seventy damaged recessed lights and the replacement with seventy LED lights at a cost of $3,000 to come from the Capital Reserve line item.

7. Access to the GSMD Genealogical Records is granted solely by the Historian General.

8. To add an additional $30,000 to the Silver Book Project line item.

9. To accept the Sunstein Invoice of $1,854 for Trademark Law Matters for the potential new application for The Mayflower Society mark and for a search to be paid from the Budget Legal Expense item.

10. To adopt the new General Society of Mayflower Descendants logo and The Mayflower Society logo to enhance public branding and identity awareness.

11. To accept the Glynn Electric proposal for knob-and-tube replacement in the Mayflower Society House at the estimated cost of $31,000 plus a contingency budget of $16,000 to be used subject to authorization.

12. That policy #45 in the GSMD Policy Manual, GSMD Vision, be amended by substitution: As the leading organization perpetuating the memory of the 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims through excellence in research and family history.

13. That policy #46 in the GSMD Policy Manual, GSMD Values, be amended by substitution:

- Preserve and maintain the highest genealogical standards proving the lineal descent from the 1620 Mayflower Pilgrims.
- Engage and promote new Pilgrim scholarship, research, and publications.
- Instill a passion for history and awareness of the Mayflower Compact and the Pilgrim story through education.
- Support our Member Societies and encourage the establishment of new Member Societies which share our mission and vision and promote the interests common to all.
- Protect, preserve, and interpret our historic properties.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-17 February 2021

1. To approve the minutes of the 13 January 2021 Executive Committee Virtual Zoom Meeting.

2. To accept the Virtual Vault enhancement proposal from GeneFun to allow verifiers to add, update, or remove notes from applications within the Virtual Vault, enable image replacement, reorder and/or deletion from an application, and improve the search and browse capabilities at a cost not to exceed $10,000.

3. To ratify the expenditure of $576.71 to Richard McKee for interior protection of walls and flooring of the Mayflower Society House in preparation for repairs.

4. To add $100,000 to the Capital Reserve line item for the current year budget.

5. To accept the high-efficiency furnace replacement proposal for the Mayflower Society House at the estimated cost of $15,000.

6. To accept the Glynn Electric proposal to replace the 200-amp main breaker panel, 120/240v 42 circuit, install a 100-amp main lug sub panel 120/240v 20 circuit, install a whole house surge protector (Library), install new breakers in panels, labor, and materials, including energizing, testing and labeling all work at a cost of $2,600.

To approve the following three Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to be presented to the GBOA for consideration. If approved by the GBOA the proposed amendments will be presented to the 2023 General Congress for consideration.

Proposed Amendment 1: **Article VII, Section 2: Regular Meetings**

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article VII, **Section 2: Regular Meetings** The regular meetings of the General Congress shall be held at Plymouth, Massachusetts, triennially, to begin on the second Monday in September or upon such other date in September as the General Board of Assistants may designate.	**Article VII,** **Section 2: Regular Meetings** The regular meetings of the General Congress shall be held at Plymouth, Massachusetts, triennially, to begin on the second Monday in September or upon such other date in September as the General Board of Assistants may designate. Electronic meetings may be used for a regular meeting. The decision to hold an electronic meeting shall be made by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. When necessary, in the event of a local, state or national emergency, a meeting may be postponed or canceled by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.	**Article VII,** **Section 2: Regular Meetings** The regular meetings of the General Congress shall be held at Plymouth, Massachusetts, triennially, to begin on the second Monday in September or upon such other date in September as the General Board of Assistants may designate. Electronic meetings may be used for a regular meeting. The decision to hold an electronic meeting shall be made by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. When necessary, in the event of a local state, or national emergency, a meeting may be postponed or canceled by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.

Rationale: The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted travel and in-person meetings and gatherings. The proposed amendment allows the Society to conduct meetings using electronic formats.

Proposed Amendment 2: **Article VII, Section 3: Special Meetings**

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article VII, **Section 3: Special Meetings** Special sessions of the General Congress may be called upon vote of the General Board of Assistants, and shall be called upon the vote of four Member Societies. The call for a special session of the General Congress shall be issued at least three months in advance, and no business except that specifically stated in the call shall be considered.	**Article VII,** **Section 3: Special Meetings** Article VII, Section 3: Special Meetings Special **meetings** ~~sessions~~ of the General Congress may be called ~~upon~~ **by a** vote of the General Board of Assistants, ~~and shall be called~~ **or** upon the vote of four Member Societies. The call for a special ~~session~~ **meeting** of the General Congress shall be issued at least three months in advance, and no business except that specifically stated in the call shall be considered. **Electronic meetings may be used for a special meeting. The decision to hold an electronic meeting shall be made by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. When necessary, in the event of a local, state or national emergency, a meeting may be postponed or canceled by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.**	**Article VII,** **Section 3: Special Meetings** Special meetings of the General Congress may be called by a vote of the General Board of Assistants or upon the vote of four Member Societies. The call for a special meeting of the General Congress shall be issued at least three months in advance, and no business except that specifically stated in the call shall be considered. Electronic meetings may be used for a special meeting. The decision to hold an electronic meeting shall be made by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. When necessary, in the event of a local, state, or national emergency, a meeting may be postponed or canceled by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.

Rationale: The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted travel and in-person meetings and gatherings. The proposed amendment allows the Society to conduct meetings using electronic formats.

Proposed Amendment 3: **Article VIII, Section 4: Meetings**

Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	If Adopted, Will Read
Article VIII, **Section 4: Meetings** Meetings of the General Board of Assistants may be called by the Governor General, and shall be called upon the written request of three of its members. Meetings shall be held at least once in each year. Said meetings may be held in any location and notice of each meeting shall be given one month in advance and shall state the object of the meeting. The Secretary General shall also send the notice of each meeting to the Secretary of each Member Society.	**Article VIII,** **Section 4: Meetings** Meetings of the General Board of Assistants may be called by the Governor General, ~~and shall be called~~ **or** upon the written request of three of its members. Meetings shall be held at least once in each year. Said meetings may be held in any location and notice of each meeting shall be given one month in advance and shall state the object of the meeting. The Secretary General shall also send the notice of each meeting to the Secretary of each Member Society. **Electronic meetings may be used for a GBOA meeting. The decision to hold an electronic meeting shall be made by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. When necessary, in the event of a local, state, or national emergency, a meeting may be postponed or canceled by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee or by the Governor General.**	**Article VIII,** **Section 4: Meetings** Meetings of the General Board of Assistants may be called by the Governor General, or upon the written request of three of its members. Meetings shall be held at least once in each year. Said meetings may be held in any location and notice of each meeting shall be given one month in advance and shall state the object of the meeting. The Secretary General shall also send the notice of each meeting to the Secretary of each Member Society. Electronic meetings may be used for a GBOA meeting. The decision to hold an electronic meeting shall be made by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. When necessary, in the event of a local, state, or national emergency, a meeting may be postponed or canceled by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee or by the Governor General.

Rationale: The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted travel and in-person meetings and gatherings. The proposed amendment allows the Society to conduct meetings using electronic formats.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-13 January 2021

1. To approve the minutes of the 5 December 2020 Executive Committee Virtual Zoom Meeting and the minutes of the 11 January 2021 Special Executive Committee Virtual Zoom Meeting.
2. To postpone the development proposal from Sandra Kidd until February and postpone the overall discussion until March.
3. To add a policy for the Silver Books Director to be provided a monthly allowance plus compensation for research hours as approved by the Governor General; funds to come from the Silver Books budget line.
4. To approve the pricing for the 2021 GBOA Meeting in Plymouth as presented.
5. To extend the number of GSMD paid hotel nights for the EC at the 2021 GBOA Meeting from four as stated in the GSMD Policy #59 to five nights, including Tuesday night since the all-day EC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday beginning at 9 am.
6. To authorize the extension of existing Family Society Partner Memberships from calendar year 2020 to calendar year 2021 without requiring an additional donation.
7. To authorize the hiring of new verifiers in addition to those currently budgeted, to report to the Director of Genealogical Services, and to perform up to a total of 120 hours of genealogical work per week.
8. To authorize expanding GSMD hiring Policies to include off-site/out-of-state employees.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-11 January 2021

1. To accept the December 21, 2020, proposal for planning and managing the repair work of the Society House from Brian Pfeiffer, Preservation Advisory Services, and authorize a fee not to exceed $7,000 plus a contingency budget of up to $3,000 for additional expenses for the first phase of the project.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-05 December 2020

1. To adopt the agenda as amended.
2. To approve the minutes of the 14 October 2020 Executive Committee Virtual Zoom meeting as corrected.
3. To adopt the following: *All payments for applications and supplementals must be routed through Member Societies. GSMD will accept application and supplemental payments from Member Societies, not from individuals.*

Executive Committee ACTIONS-18 November 2020

1. To approve the minutes of the 14 October 2020 Executive Committee Virtual Zoom meeting as distributed.
2. To add to the *GSMD Policy Manual:* The GSMD website will offer to link to Member Societies' websites for sales and promotional purposes. GSMD will not sell any Member Society merchandise either through its web store or its gift shop.
3. To ratify the wallpaper removal proposal in the amount of $6,620 previously approved by the Treasurer General on November 6, 2020.
4. To authorize Executive Director Belekewicz to proceed with the purchase of up to $6,000 for a wireless water shutoff system for the Society House to mitigate potential future exposure to water damage.
5. To accept the proposal for a new website from C4 Tech and Design as recommended by the Technology Committee.
6. To add to the GSMD Policy Manual: All receipts for reimbursements must be submitted to the Finance Department within 60 days of incurring expenses except at the end of each fiscal year (June 30th) where all receipts for reimbursements must be received by July 15th.
7. To adopt the amended 2020-2021 budget.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-14 October 2020

1. To approve the minutes of the 27 September 2020 Executive Committee Virtual ZOOM meeting as distributed.
2. That Policy #49 in the GSMD Policy Manual be amended by substitution: At the end of each fiscal year, the Executive Director, working with the Governor General and the Treasurer General, shall compile and oversee the publication of an Annual Report. The Annual Report shall be approved by the Executive Committee prior to its publication.
3. To proceed with the deed execution for Corn Hill, with Governor General Hurt and another officer signing the deed transfer.
4. To authorize Executive Director Belekewicz to process the restoration and water remediation quotes for the Mayflower Society House with the insurance company.

Executive Committee ACTIONS-16 September 2020:

1. To approve the minutes of the 19 August 2020 Executive Committee virtual meeting as distributed.
2. To accept audited financials as presented, approve the filing of the three IRS 990's and the Massachusetts PC forms.
3. To add to the GSMD Policy Manual: Any non-recurring expenditures not included in the Annual Operating Budget over $5,000 must be approved by the Executive Committee before contract signing and/or the execution of work. The Governor General and Treasurer General are the authorized signers of any contracts.
4. To postpone further discussion of Member Societies retail sales on the GSMD website until the October Executive Committee meeting.

Reports of the Executive Committee

Report of the Governor General

Welcome home descendants! There is something special about walking on hallowed ground. 2020 was a year to remember and 2021 is a time for Thanksgiving. This officer is grateful for YOU, for your resolve to join together for this meeting. GSMD continues to move forward because of your investment and encouragement! Thank you.

Committees, please accept our gratitude for your tireless work these past twelve months, THANK YOU! Appreciation goes to my colleagues, your Executive Officers, who have volunteered to represent the General Society every single day.

Executive Committee actions have been distributed throughout the year, and the upcoming Officer and Committee reports, will validate how engaged and busy this administration is working for you. In the interest of time, I will not offer a summary, my esteemed fellow Officers and our valued Committee Chairmen will report the activities.

This past year the Executive Committee has met by Zoom and we were able to meet in Plymouth this past June. I have presided over all meetings. I have also led the Personnel Committee meetings. This officer has also held meetings with the House Endowment Committee and participated in the meetings of the Trustee Representatives of the Meetinghouse.

Other major accomplishments include the new website, repairs on the Mayflower Society House, an operations and campus overview, improved technology, staff evaluations and needed additions to the GSMD staff. The Mayflower Society House is closed due to repairs and the library has been closed, except by advance appointment only, due to COVID-19. Good news for any of you who registered for the afternoon Garden Reception tomorrow, the House, the library and the admin building will be open for a walk-through. Please wear a mask for the safety of our staff and others. This is your international headquarters!

It has been a joy for me to attend your society meetings these past few months. You have welcomed me, entertained me, and accepted me as part of your Member Society. I look forward to visiting your society soon. It is my honor and pleasure to serve as your Governor General.

JANE E. GROVES HURT,
Governor General

Report of the Assistant Governor General

It has been a great honor to serve as your Assistant Governor General over the past year. I thank you for electing me and allowing me to serve the Society as a member of the Executive Committee for my fourth consecutive term.

Thanks to the foresight of our 2020 Congress in raising our annual per capita assessment and our application fees, the past year has witnessed the beginning of a fuller realization of the vision shared by the first Executive Committee on which I served in 2010. That vision, formulated by Former Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle, and shared by many members of our Society, called for a transformation of the Society from a largely volunteer-led organization to a more professionally managed one. That transformation, by necessity, has been gradual, largely because of financial constraints. With the increase in annual revenue voted by the 2020 Congress, we now have the funding needed to bring FGG MacGunnigle's vision to fruition.

You may recall that many unmet needs of the Society were shared at that 2020 Congress. Those needs centered around embracing cutting-edge technology; enhancing member services by improving society-wide communications and furthering our educational mission through programming; addressing inadequacies in the upkeep and maintenance of our physical plant; and expanding our staff as necessary by offering competitive wages and benefits.

This past year has seen a gradual implementation of actions to address these needs. Most importantly we have redesigned and streamlined our application process by implementing modern technological advances. We have expanded our verification team in an effort to both speed up the application approval process and to address our nagging backlog. Our website has been redesigned to a much more user-friendly format and we have hired a professional IT manager to oversee the demands that modern technology require. We have begun to strengthen membership relations and we are working on expanding educational programs for our members and the public. Under professional guidance we have begun to catalogue, and address needed improvements to our beloved Mayflower House and campus. To that end, we have allocated a substantial portion of our June 30, 2021, surplus to underwrite these needs. We have also established the position of facilities manager to make sure all maintenance issues are addressed on a timely basis in the future.

As you can see, it has been a very exciting year and I look forward to more of the same as we embrace a new year. It has been an honor to serve alongside our Governor General Jane Hurt and an outstanding Executive Committee. Thank you all for your dedication and support of our wonderful Society and thank you for allowing me to serve you.

DONALD T. STUDLEY,
Assistant Governor General

Report of the Secretary General

This year has been full of unexpected pleasures which far outweigh the challenges! Serving with the Executive Officers has been delightful. Thank you to the Plymouth staff, especially Membership Services and Sales Manager, Alex Cervenak for your support. Former Assistant Governor General Sue Roser and Governor General Jane Hurt have encouraged and guided me in the office of Secretary General.

I could not have served as Secretary General without the assistance of the Member Society Secretaries. My gratitude to the fifty-four secretaries and other Society officers that make my job easier. Thank you all for your accuracy in reporting officer changes, address changes, and forwarding to your members the endless amount of information I share with Member Societies. A special

thank you for accomplishing the quarterly membership reconciliations and preparing your Annual Report.

The Executive Committee has met at least monthly during the past year. We have Zoomed and finally met together in Plymouth this past June. I have planned and recorded all the EC meetings and scheduled the Personnel Committee meetings.

Planning for this 2021 GBOA Meeting has been a delight. With over 350 registered attendees and the day-to-day challenges of COVID-19, this meeting has been a continual work in progress. Thank you, Massachusetts Governor Barbara-Lee Kelly and Assistant Governor Polly Kimmitt, for your tireless energy and attention to detail. The Massachusetts Society exemplifies hospitality in the best sense of the word!

Planning is underway for our 2022 GBOA Meeting and Congress 2023. I hope to see you all in Minnesota in 2022! Mark your calendars to be back in Plymouth in September 2023.

We will again have the GSMD Heritage Week breakfast in Washington, DC, on April 13, 2022. After canceling the past two year's scheduled events, I especially look forward to planning the 2022 breakfast at the Army Navy Club. Information will be e-mailed to members at the beginning of 2022. Check our website for more details.

What a pleasure! Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as your Secretary General.

MEG P. AVERETT,
Secretary General

Report of the Treasurer General

First off, I want to communicate a big THANK YOU to our Member Societies for the most important and historic of decisions made during the September 2020 Virtual Congress. To have all of you agree that investing in our General Society in as commanding of a manner as you all did, reinforces how deep you all care for your beloved Society. It made me so very proud that I was part of helping you all see the importance of this investment.

So again, thank you!!

Now, for the great news. The audit of our financial information and processes is complete with a clean opinion for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. A full copy of the audited financials is available for any member that wishes to have one. Here's where we ended up this first year of your new investment:

1. We ended our year with a surplus of $4,488,528 made up of the following:
   a. Investments: Surplus of $2,260,314 compared to last year's deficit of ($31,638) – these funds are reinvested for Long Term projects, part of our endowments
   b. Meetinghouse: Surplus of $1,515,098 compared to last year's deficit of ($194,924) – a large bequest was received during this past fiscal year
   c. Operations: Surplus of $524,464 compared to last year's surplus of $30,249
2. We had investment returns of $2,661,918 and withdrew $401,604 in accordance with our four percent spending policy with the balance in our investments.
3. Our revenue came in at $2,603,302, twenty-nine and four-tenths percent higher than last year and eighteen and nine-tenths percent higher than budget. The sources of revenue outside of the spending policy allotment are made up of Membership fees and assessments at forty-nine and seven-tenths percent, Gifts at fourteen and two-tenths percent, sales of books and insignia at twenty and three-tenths percent. Due to COVID-19 the Society House revenues were virtually nothing.
4. Expenditures came in at $2,078,838, four and nine-tenths percent higher than last year and thirteen percent less than budget. Most of the increase was related to increased Silver Book research costs and major repairs on the Society House. How your money was spent was thirty-one and four-tenths percent on the Genealogy Department, fourteen and six-tenths percent on genealogical research and publication costs, Society House operations used fourteen and nine-tenths percent, Member Services, which includes *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, used nineteen and two-tenths percent, fundraising costs three and seven-tenths percent and Administration used sixteen and one-tenth percent.
5. We have $17,000,000 in assets, of that, $16,200,000 is in cash and investments.
6. The Paycheck Protection Program loan received in fiscal year 2019-2020 was fully forgiven by the SBA during the 2020-2021 fiscal year and is shown under Other Non-Operating changes in our audited financials.
7. Our surplus occurred because of the timing of the new influx of per capita that came in very late in the third fiscal quarter, so many commitments were made but some of the actual spending couldn't be fulfilled. The on-going levels of funding will be sufficient to support the operation.

Our investment returns were very healthy for this fiscal year, and that has assisted to boost our endowments. It's been very gratifying to see our society in a much more solid financial position.

ELIZABETH W. GAUDREAU,
Treasurer General

Corrections: DON STUDLEY,
Acting Treasurer General

The meeting recessed at 10:15 am for a 15-minute break. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 am.

Report of the Historian General

I reported last year that as expected, our 2020 400th anniversary year had brought record numbers of inquiries, applications and supplementals. I also reported that thanks to our ever loyal, hardworking, and creative staff, we had devised new ways to work through the pandemic. What I didn't anticipate then was that the 2020 challenges would lead us in 2021 to envision and devise an entirely new model to our core business – verifying lineages and approving new members and supplemental lines.

First, Numbers:

	Apps. Rec'd	Apps. App'd	Supps. Rec'd	Supps. App'd
2013	1340	1423	443	474
2014	1424	1219	404	352
2015	1574	1622	447	438
2016	1690	1660	549	530
2017	1790	1623	638	540
2018	1962	1930	730	740
2019	2728	1958	1013	855
2020*	2848	2806	1526	1284
2021**	1832	2030	790	1184

*In 2020 a fee increase was approved for applications and supplementals with an effective date of 31 Dec 2020 – resulting in a flood of 700 applications that month to get logged in before the increase. This skewed 2020 higher by as much as 500 applications than would have been expected, and early 2021 lower.

**The 2021 numbers are annualized.

Staffing Update:

By the end of 2020 we knew that our success in remote verification might change our work model – and it has. With three to four verifier openings at the beginning of 2021, we explored a new concept of contract verifiers working remotely. We have always been challenged with adding to our staff because of the exceptionally high genealogical standards we maintain and the low number of available and qualified candidates in the Plymouth area. By establishing a remote working plan, we opened up the geographic pool by thousands of miles – and in little time we had dozens of excellent prospects and our first four offers were accepted. We started training remotely in June and by August all four began working on assigned portfolios.

This new work model is innovative and efficient. We receive applications and supporting documents electronically. Remote contract verifiers are assigned a portfolio and access them through drop box. They also have access electronically to our file archives that were scanned a few years ago, our electronic book library, and our *Silver Books*. They verify and edit/notate the application, recommend it for approval, rejection or pending, and return it to the queue for historian general finalization.

This is still a work in progress. Those in Plymouth that have multiple responsibilities – some verification and some other – will continue as employees, but those who strictly verify will transition to contract partners. All but exceptional applications will be submitted electronically with the supporting documents – resulting in a paperless, or close to paperless, system. This is a huge change to our largest group of employees, and all resulting from the propitious scanning of our archives, the lessons we learned during COVID-19, and the wonders of Zoom!

MLM's or Mayflower Lineage Matches:

The Mayflower Lineage Matches, or MLM's, continue to be a significant staff commitment, financial contributor, and source of new member prospects for the Society. Last year I noted that with little history, we were concerned that the impressive 2020 results might peak after the anniversary year. I'm pleased to report that the appeal of MLM's has continued during 2021 to a moderately lesser degree, but we have averaged 254/ month which, if maintained, should result in 3,048 total representing $228,600 in income.

Conclusion:

Sometimes challenges come at just the right time. I can't speak highly enough about the genealogy and research staff and their ability and conviction to meet and overcome those challenges. The result is a reinvented, technologically sophisticated, geographically diverse group already working into the challenges to come. Thank you to each and every one of them!

MARJORIE K. HURTUK,
Historian General

Report of the Counsellor General

1. We were pleased to continue and expand the Mayflower House Lecture series via Zoom in 2021. We started this series in 2019 with in-person lectures at the Mayflower Society House, but the change to Zoom has increased our attendees to over 250 of our members across the country. Our new season begins in January 2022 with all new speakers reporting on interesting genealogical and historical topics. If you would like to suggest a good speaker or topic for the series, please e-mail me at Lpennington@themayflowersociety.org.

2. On the legal front, we engaged outside counsel to renew the General Society of Mayflower Descendants name and mark, and to register The Mayflower Society name and mark for the first time in our history.

3. I have worked with Chris Schlosser, the Chairman of the Technology Committee, on various aspects of the new GSMD website to ensure our legal compliance.

4. I have worked with our Governor General and others on several issues and prepared documents for same.

5. I have reviewed numerous Member Society bylaws and helped revise them when required. I have also answered various inquiries from our Member Societies.

6. I have chaired our Bylaws Committee which produced several proposed bylaw amendments regarding conducting our meetings via electronic means.

7. The Massachusetts Supreme Court denied Charles Morgan's Application for Further Appellate Review on August 2, 2021. This concludes his 2018 litigation filed against GSMD and three former officers. He is threatening more litigation, which our attorney considers to be frivolous. Our counsel plans to file a motion for sanctions if Morgan brings further suits.

8. I have attended meetings as Trustee Representative of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse, and we are currently engaged in fundraising and in the next phase of our work on the Meetinghouse.

9. I have given numerous speeches about the *Mayflower* and similar topics to our Member Societies and other lineage groups throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LISA H. PENNINGTON,
Esq., Counsellor General

Report of the Elder General

Elder General Pike shared his views on the value of all Society Members and the importance of remembering those who have passed. The Society wants to honor and remember all members. He is available to all of us.

REV. DR. THOMAS F. PIKE JR.,
Elder General

Report of the Captain General

This has been an interesting first year as Captain General to say the least. Our first ten Executive Committee meetings were via Zoom which leaves something to be desired but got the job done.

I have enjoyed working with a great EC board and have learned how important these monthly meetings are for the Society.

Our first face to face meeting was held in June in Plymouth. It was good to get to know everyone a little better.

As Captain General I am in charge of our flags, organizing parades, the security at our GBOA meetings and the Mayflower Guard. James Battles started and runs the guard which is a great help to me.

At the GBOA meeting in Plymouth we will have guard members providing help at the Rose Garden receptions and the dedication of the Governor Bradford statue.

CARTER O. WIESE,
Captain General

Report of the Surgeon General

Read by Secretary General Averett in his absence.

Come to Plymouth. Be safe.

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing (Ecclesiastes 3: 1,5).

We have refrained from embracing for many months, but as the unknown ancient preacher said, it is "time to embrace." Our embraces should be cautious at first, perhaps just nods and gestures of friendship. But it is now necessary to join together to do the business of our society.

Humans are social beings. We live in families, in communities, and in towns and cities. We sometimes seek solitude, but our best efforts are often achieved when we join together. It may be in the division of labor within a family or in a community. Or in a church, where we worship together. In business, the ancient Greeks called it *pneuma agora* (the spirit of the marketplace). We achieve our best results when we function as a team. In the communities of our ancestors, the men worked as a team to raise a barn; the women had their quilting

parties; and everyone turned out to harvest the field of a man who was ill. The leaders of the many Mayflower Societies have done a wonderful job for the past year with virtual meetings and in small gatherings.

We last met as a Special Online Congress in September 2020, when the risk of COVID-19 was very high. COVID-19 then gradually declined for several months. In the spring of 2021, when COVID-19 was at a low point, the Executive Committee decided to plan to hold the annual meeting of the GBOA in September. We would follow the guidelines for safety issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and of Plymouth County. Although the Delta variant of COVID-19 has recently produced a rise in cases, our plan is still in effect: We will follow Massachusetts and Plymouth guidelines for group meetings. The guidelines may change at any time, and the GBOA meeting cannot be made entirely risk-free.

The current Massachusetts COVID-19 regulations are:

Effective July 30: *The Department of Public Health has issued a new mask advisory in light of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance. In addition to unvaccinated individuals, fully vaccinated individuals are advised to wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home) if you have a weakened immune system or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease, or is an unvaccinated adult. Masks are still mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings.*

I am writing this message to encourage everyone to attend the GBOA meeting, and for each to do his or her part to reduce the risk of COVID-19 for themselves and for others. Unless you are exempt for medical reasons, you should be vaccinated. You should also plan to bring and wear a tightly fitting cloth mask that covers your nose and mouth. We do not know exactly what the mask-wearing requirements of the government may be, but you should be prepared to wear a mask indoors except when you are eating or are in your hotel room. And many will want to wear masks outdoors, too. Remember that you can carry the virus silently and transmit it to others, even if you have already had COVID-19, and even if you have been vaccinated. You wouldn't want to take COVID-19 home to a person who is immunologically compromised, or to a child who is too young to be vaccinated.

Remember that the three principles of **COVID-19 mitigation** are still the same as they have been for the past eighteen months: **Social distancing** (at least six feet from others, except your own family); frequent **handwashing** or cleansing with hand-sterilizing agent (because hands often go near to nose and mouth); and proper wearing of **a mask** (which blocks the virus, on droplets, from passage in either direction).

GEORGE J. HILL, MD,
Surgeon General

Report of Member-at-Large, Bonnie Wade Mucia

While most events have been virtual, I've accomplished several things this past year despite the limitations. Communication with Member Societies is vital in this role, and it's been wonderful interacting with you, bringing your opinions and questions back to the Executive Committee. I was able to assist with finding the Architectural Historian for the Mayflower Society House as well as consulting on genealogical matters within the GSMD.

I was able to give several virtual lectures and presentations including the following:

- Program on the GSMD Virtual Lecture series "75 Years Later: Created Wartime Family Reunions with DNA."
- Taped a presentation about the Mayflower Society and lineage applications to the 2021 Dayton Stake Temple Family History Jamboree in Ohio and sat on a panel of experts answering DNA and lineage applications questions.
- "Setting Sail to the Mayflower Society with the *Silver Books* as Your Guide." The presentation walks the viewer through the history of the GSMD, the Mayflower's journey, the Pilgrims, the *Silver Books* and how to use them, document your lineage, and apply to the GSMD.
- Featured on the second segment of the popular genealogy podcast *Extreme Genes* regarding the Mayflower Society and the Silver Books Project.

The Member Societies have also had some outstanding accomplishments this past year. Most societies went virtual and are just starting back to in-person meetings.

- North Carolina's Beckett Soule has started a virtual colony called The Speedwell Colony with all meetings and events 100 percent virtual.
- New Hampshire's Junior Members dedicated an impressive Mayflower Compact Granite monument at Odjorne Point State Park. This monument commemorates how the fishing colony located at

Odiorne Point saved the Plymouth Colony from starvation. The Junior Members also started a YouTube channel for the New Hampshire Mayflower Society Pilgrim Books project which features reading several children's books chosen by the Pilgrim Book project.

- South Carolina started a campaign to collect money from their members for the Commemorative Historian Brick Walkway program called "Nick's Brick" in honor of their long-time Historian, Nicholas Snow Maher. By November 2020, South Carolina raised enough money for seven bricks, one for all South Carolina Historians, one for past Historian Barnwell Liney and five for Nick Maher for each of his terms as Historian. You can see those bricks in the gardens. South Carolina also started a Mayflower Book Club and has discussed four books related to the Mayflower this year.
- Rhode Island membership surpassed 500 members for the first time in their history. They also celebrated the arrival of The Ship *Mayflower* back in Plymouth with a socially distanced dinner last August in Middletown.

It's an honor and a privilege to serve as your Member-at-Large and I look forward to the next two years in faithful service.

BONNIE WADE MUCIA,
Member-at-Large

Report of Member-at-Large, Jane D. Schleinzer
I've attended all of the EC meetings. It was wonderful to be able to attend the June EC meeting in Plymouth. It had been too long since we have been able to be together in person. Zoom has been a great way to keep in touch, but it is much better to be in person.

I have been busy working with the Member Societies that have been assigned to me. I've sent quarterly messages to my Societies. I hope you feel I've kept you up-to-date on the goings on in GSMD. I'm always available to answer questions, give guidance, or just be an ear to listen while you vent. It's always a joy to talk to the members.

Right now, I'm scheduled to visit two Member Societies in the upcoming year. I'm looking forward to meeting their members and learning more about their Society.

This is an exciting time to be a member of the Executive Committee. I'm always ready to help the Society in any capacity.

It's a pleasure to serve GSMD.

JANE D. SCHLEINZER,
Member-at-Large

Report of Member-at-Large, Lorrie A. Link
It is a great honor to serve as the GSMD Member-at-Large 3 overseeing nineteen Societies—being their "go to" person—helping them with their questions and problems, and directing them to the people who have the answers. While we've had to communicate via Zoom, I think it has been helpful in opening up communication between the GSMD and Society organizations.

One issue I consistently have seen occurring in all societies is that new board members do not understand how their society operates and what their relationship is with the GSMD. I think this is something that should be addressed in the future. Possibly in the form of board officer training and development, or other resources.

I would like to thank Alaska, Australia, Hawaii, and Wyoming for inviting me to their Society meetings. Arizona, California, Oregon and Nevada for communicating with me. Also, I thank the Societies that asked me to conduct their officer installations. The 2 am meeting with Australia has to be the earliest meeting time I have ever attended. And, I have attended Zoom meetings with Hawaii and Alaska, spanning many time zones. I am looking forward to attending the South Dakota's society meeting in October—which is just a four-hour drive.

I am happy to announce that the California contingent is so pleased they were able to honor our ancestors before COVID-19 hit the world. Thanks to all of the California state colonies who contributed to this successful endeavor. Many of the float riders are here at the GBOA meeting. Please stand. Especially a shout out to Marcia Maloney, and float coordinator Carole Curran, for your hard work in making this event happen!

Our newest Society, the Australia Society, is proud to report that their Junior Membership drive gained them four Junior Members. And, they are now reporting forty-one regular members. As small as this number seems, it's the beginning of a new Society and we are happy that we can make our connection to Mayflower Descendants globally.

Of the many things I am involved with, I also serve on the Development Committee. Fundraising is not easy, especially during these trying times and raising money is a key to sustaining a viable organization. I am very happy to share my many years of fundraising experience with the committee.

Carrying out my duties as Member-at-Large 3, serving on the Development Committee and Chairing the Scholarship Committee for a fourth term, highlighted my respect and value for the GSMD and my fellow members, for their dedication to this organization and their standards of excellence in genealogy.

Respectfully submitted,

LORRIE A. LINK,
Member-at-Large

Report of the Former Governor General

Since the last Congress this office has had two primary responsibilities.

I'll report on the Development Committee later in the agenda.

My other responsibility has been arranging for the placement of the William Bradford statue in the GSMD garden. I wish to thank Dee Clements, the artist, who scheduled and ordered the transport of the statue from the foundry in Loveland, Colorado, to Plymouth and who made an extra trip to supervise the actual mounting of the statue. I also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Ron Filson who acquired the granite base and scheduled the work crew to place it and the statue in the garden. We were all present on June 24 to attend to the last-minute details of mounting Governor Bradford's statue, and I am sure that you will approve the final result at tomorrow's garden activity.

In the absence of our distinguished Surgeon General, I have been asked to cover any problems that he would have been asked to serve if he were present. Please let me know if any medical situations arise that I can help.

GEORGE P. GARMANY,
Former Governor General

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 am.
The meeting reconvened at 1:30 pm.

Mayflower Society House Report

Brian Pfeiffer, Architectural Historian, serving as Mayflower Society House project manager was introduced by Governor General Hurt. Mr. Pfeiffer reported on the current scope of the repairs, the historical structure of the Mayflower Society House, and future plans.

Reports of Committee Chairpersons

Archivist

As Archivist, I have visited Plymouth twice this year to work in the GSMD Archives. I have spent time familiarizing myself with our Archives. Using the inventory started by Former Assistant Governor General Susan Roser, I am organizing and inventorying the materials.

MEG AVERETT,
Secretary General, Archivist

Awards

I wrote articles for *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* inviting members to submit their nominee for their Member Societies GSMD Award.

I collected the nominees and sent them to the members of the committee, Carla Rigby, and Virginia Mucciaccio. I searched for the gifts to be awarded for the 2020 and 2021 Governor General Distinguished Service Award, prepared the certificates for the Commendations and Appreciation, and a few other things.

We have some unfinished business to attend to before we continue with the 2021 awards.

FORMER GOVERNOR GENERAL GARMANY:

2020 Special Recognition

The Certificates of Commendation and Appreciation are for extensive volunteer service with significant direct benefits to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and its associated Member Societies, as stated in our Constitution.

Marcia Maloney, CA and Carol Curran, CA – 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade Float

Ron Filson MA – Continuing volunteer work for the National Memorial Pilgrim Meetinghouse

As most of you know, the Distinguished Service Award is presented annually at the discretion of the Governor General. As all of you are well aware, it was not possible to present awards of any sort during our 2020 virtual Congress. We really had to stick to the bare bones business-only outline during that agenda, and so today is the opportunity to recognize one of our Society's truly honorable members who gave years of dedicated service to our organization.

Today's honoree first came to the attention of the General Society while he was the Governor of the Massachusetts Society. The chair of our Bylaws Committee resigned, and we needed someone with deep knowledge of the Society and a legal background to help us make sure that our Bylaws were consistent with Massachusetts law. DICK GILMORE was willing to take the job, and that was the beginning of his years of service to our organization. He went on to serve two terms as Counsellor General, and I'll just tell you a couple of special features of his service. How many of you know what the original real estate holding of our Society was? Turns out that it was a few hundred square feet on Corn Hill in Truro, given to us in 1900 when hardly anyone lived in that area. Since then, many homes have been built in that space, our deed had become entangled with other property owners, and exactly who owned what had become very murky. Mr. Gilmore

worked extensively with surveyors, property owners, and their lawyers to establish exactly what space is ours, and we now have a clear well-defined title.

Another feature of Mr. Gilmore's service was the presentation he made of a book for each new member of the Executive Committee. This book carefully outlines the legal expectations for directors of non-profit organizations that operate in the Commonwealth. Mr. Gilmore purchased the books himself and presented them at the first meeting that the newly elected officers attended. This book gave all of us a better understanding of our defined duties and obligations.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in congratulating Mr. Dick Gilmore, the belated recipient of the 2020 Governor General's Distinguished Service Award.

Dick has recently had surgery and it'll take him an extra minute to come forward. While he is doing that, I have a special announcement. In his honor, I will continue the tradition that he started. I went up to Boston on Wednesday and obtained copies of the books that he distributed to all of us. At the next break I'll present a copy to each of our General Officers who were newly elected last year.

DELAWARE:
The Delaware Society is honored to nominate NOEL HAWKINS KUHRT for recognition of his dedicated and faithful service to the Delaware Mayflower Society as Deputy Governor, Governor, and current Deputy Governor General of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. Following his term as Delaware Governor in 1999, Noel has been an indispensable resource and mentor for seven successive governors and sundry Board members over the past twenty-two years. His leadership, commitment, and fidelity are unsurpassed in the sixty-two-year history of our society. Noel's knowledge, experience, and dedication has made a significant and indelible positive impact on every part of our society.

His distinguished and sacrificial service evokes thoughts of Noel's pilgrim ancestor Myles Standish, whose devoted service to the Plymouth Colony that first winter was commended by Governor William Bradford. As I commend to you today Noel's enormous positive influence upon our society, it seems altogether fitting that I echo the words of my ancestor William Bradford who referred to Standish's service as "a rare example and worthy to be remembered." Noel's example continues to serve as a model of faithful and influential service to Mayflower Society Descendants, not only in Delaware but, across the country. For his tireless commitment and excellent service to our society, I personally am deeply grateful. I trust this appreciation will in some small way help future generations of descendants remember and continue to cherish the rare example and worthy service of members like Noel Kuhrt. Nominated by: David Bradford

INDIANA:
CHARLES PROVOST joined the Indiana Mayflower Society in 2002 and served on the Board as Treasurer from 2011 to 2019. He was instrumental in the Indiana Society becoming a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and was invaluable in planning the 2016 GBOA in Indianapolis. He was Indiana's DGG serving from 2018-2020. He also is a member of the Mayflower Guard and had the honor of representing the General Society on the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade float. Nominated by: Laura Smith

MAINE:
The Maine State Mayflower Society would like to nominate LYNDE C. RANDALL for recognition. Lynde has worked diligently for the Maine Society for many years. She was Governor for the Mayflower Society in the State of Maine from 2008-2011. Since then, Lynde has continued to serve as the Editor of the "Pine Cone Pilgrim" as well as editing and producing the Annual Bulletin for the Maine Society. At General Meetings of the Maine Society, Lynde works at the sales table and greets everyone with a huge smile and recognition.

Lynde's positive attitude is a great gift to the Maine Board of Assistants, to the Maine Society and to everyone in her extensive circle of acquaintances and friends. Lynde is truly a wonderful "Good Will Ambassador."

Recognition and commendation of Lynde's work for the society was unanimously approved by the Maine Board of Assistants. Nominated by: Carla Rigby

MICHIGAN:
The Society of Mayflower Descendants in Michigan is honored to nominate CHARLENE WOLVIN TAVAROZZI, State Historian, for a Certificate of Commendation and Appreciation for Extraordinary Service to the Michigan Society.

Following the unanticipated death of the previous State Historian, Catherine McCotter Pouls, "Char" was appointed to the position of State Historian in October 2020. Char had served as a deputy historian on Cathy's 2018-2020 team of deputy historians and was well-versed with the process and procedures for the historian's position. Char's array of advanced genealogical skills and her ability to lead and work with a team of deputy historians has immensely helped to decrease Michigan's backlog of unfinished applications. Along with completing applications, she has reorganized old files, notes and data to be able to eventually hand over a well-organized legacy of information to her successor.

When Char took office in October 2020, the Michigan Society was faced with a backlog of 350 preliminary applications not completed by previous historians. As of August 1, 2021, only twenty-six of the preliminary applications remain to be completed.

Most importantly, Char works easily and well with fellow board members, her team of deputy historians, prospective members and with Plymouth. Due to Char's skills, dedication, and tenacity, the Michigan Society is in excellent hands. It is an honor to nominate her for this award. Nominated by: Grace Bliss Smith

MINNESOTA:
I nominate LORRIE LINK for the Award for Outstanding Service to be presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the General Board of Assistants (GBOA).

First, she has been on the GBOA representing Minnesota for more than a decade as Assistant General and Deputy Governor General. Lorrie has served several terms on the Scholarship and Public Relations Committees and is currently a Member-at-Large on the GBOA Executive Committee. She is also a member of the Governor General's 1620 Club and is a contributor to the Meetinghouse Fund.

Second, Lorrie is the spark plug of the Minnesota Society itself, where she has held many of the most important board positions, including two terms as our Governor. She has been the driving force in fundraising, the massive upgrading of our state society's by-laws in 2017, and the creation and subsequent upgrading of our website.

Third, Lorrie's BA degree in Public Relations and Journalism and her work in her own advertising firm have helped her develop skills that have been and continue to be so useful to the General as well as the Minnesota Societies.

Lori has juggled these many activities while being a mother, a grandmother, and a wife of forty-four years to Gary Link, the now retired Chief of Police of the City of New Hope, Minnesota. Nominated by: Greg Oxley

OHIO:
BETH ANDERSON, a Brewster descendant, joined the Ohio Society in 2013. She quickly became involved in the Cincinnati Colony as historian and BOA representative. Through her involvement with the Ohio BOA, Beth volunteered to organize Ohio's 2020 celebration. In doing so, she involved all five Ohio Colonies in the preparations and was able to enlist the help of a Cincinnati Colony Mayflower member who had planned large events in the past.

When our event was cancelled due to COVID-19, Beth successfully worked to recoup our funds. She immediately began making plans for a state-wide Thanksgiving event for October 2021. In addition to working on the statewide celebrations, Beth agreed to chair the state nominating committee. Beth and her committee were able to enlist able experienced members to fill all of our state positions in 2020. Beth is one of those people who will jump in to volunteer when others will not. Nominated by: Sandy St. Martin

VERMONT:
As Governor of the Vermont Society of Mayflower Descendants, I would like to nominate CAROLYN ADAMS for the GBOA award. Carolyn has been a very active member of our society, serving on multiple committees as well as being our Counsellor for many years and the Governor of the Vermont Society from 2005-2008. She has served as Assistant General and is our current Deputy Governor General. She has promoted our society through community events and started and maintains our Facebook page. She is a valuable member of our Society who deserves this recognition. Nominated by: Peg Sherlock

WEST VIRGINIA:
VICKIE BAKER was appointed Historian by past Governor Brian Shaffer three years ago. He told her that she would have only "one or two applications a year to review." At that time, the West Virginia Society had forty members and hadn't had a membership meeting since its founding in 1948. Since Vickie's appointment there has been renewed activity of the West Virginia Society: she was instrumental in coordinating a membership meeting and application inquiries have increased. The Society now has fifty-seven members, including sixteen members whose applications Vickie processed, who have joined as a result of her assistance. Vickie Baker is worthy of recognition because of her extraordinary efforts. She is the catalyst for the growth and development of the West Virginia Society. Vickie has increased our membership by one-third to date during her term. Vickie also serves as Deputy Governor General of the West Virginia Society. Nominated by: Ernest Blevins

WISCONSIN:
JEFFREY STARK has been instrumental in governance of the Wisconsin Colony for over twenty-seven years, and actively involved as a GSMD officer for over ten. As Captain General, he recognized the Mayflower Guard as elite reenactors, and has both recruited and promoted the program amongst the colonies. In addition to supporting the official status of the Mayflower Guard, Jeff has developed family friendly policies within Wisconsin.

As State Governor, Jeff braved the tide to suggest moving our annual Compact Day event to a nearby hotel with a water park; this was well received, and

attendance increased. His inclusive management style increased the frequency of Board of Assistants meetings, and he compiled a training manual describing each officers' duties.

Jeff is a professional teacher, and this shines through in all his interactions with members and during his governance. His encouragement and patience have helped the Wisconsin Colony grow and thrive, like a beacon for new Assistants and Officers who turn to him with their questions.

A stained-glass rendition of the Mayflower ship now hangs in numerous places both in the United States and United Kingdom. (thanks to Jeff Stark's arrangements with artist David Fode from Waukesha, Wisconsin).

Jeff's promotion of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and dedication to the Wisconsin Colony are truly outstanding and we highly recommend him for this award. Nominated by: Char Janeczko

GOVERNOR GENERAL JANE HURT:

2021 Special Recognition

Member, ASHLEY SILVERMAN (GA) Dreamtank Consultancy Group, in recognition of the planning and consultation on the new Mayflower Society trademark identity and website colors. Ashley also created the 2020 Mayflower Voyage 400 Year Anniversary 1620-2020 public logo. Given in grateful appreciation for your dedication and exceptional efforts.

Member-at-Large and graphic artist, LORRIE LINK, in recognition of the planning and execution of the new GSMD certificate design. Given in grateful appreciation for your dedication and exceptional efforts.

Former Governor General and Meetinghouse President LEA S. FILSON, in recognition of her vision for the new GSMD education center and her hours of service to the Mayflower Meetinghouse. Given in grateful appreciation for your dedication and exceptional efforts.

2021 Governor General's Distinguished Service Award

This year's 2021 Governor General's Distinguished Service Award is presented for exceptional, extraordinary, and extensive service to the Society. This award recognizes excellence and dedication to the General Society. This member has been a member for forty-four years, since 1977. This recipient is a faithful supporter in the activities and events of the General Society and a loyal participant within her Member Society. She is the chair of the Technology Committee and has spearheaded the new GSMD website.

Before retirement she was employed by Molson Coors Brewing as a Senior IT Compliance Specialist, a Manager of Methods, Standards and Quality, Manager of Project Governance, an IT Monitoring Analyst and more. When the challenge of implementing a new website became a reality her experience and devotion to service made her the candidate to lead and chair this important committee.

The 2021 Governor General's Distinguished Service Award is presented to CHRISTINE SCHLOSSER of the Wisconsin Society.

Congratulations, to all of our award winners.

It's a pleasure to serve the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

JANE D. SCHLEINZER,
Member-at-Large, Awards Chair

Development

During the last year the Development Committee has been charged with generating a long-term approach to creating new streams of revenue for GSMD. The original premise of the committee's assignment was based on the Society's financial position, which would not allow us a budget to hire a full-time development person to spearhead this effort. With the recent resignation of our part-time development assistant, the Executive Committee is reconsidering the possibility of bringing on a full-time development support associate. The relationships among that staff person, our new Executive Director, and the Development Committee are currently under review by the Executive Committee, and we will work out the details when our new Executive Director comes on board.

It has also come to the attention of the Committee that many of our loyal members do not know how to join the 1620 Club. This announcement will serve as your official invitation. Any individual member who contributes $1,620 to GSMD during a single fiscal year will become a member. You can submit that all at once, or you can make several smaller contributions over the year. I recommend that you talk with your tax advisor, since there are some hints that may help you at tax time.

GEORGE P. GARMANY,
Former Governor General, Development Chair

Education

Committee Members: Beth Lambright, Bruce Harrington, Judy Farrigan

The Education Committee met regularly from October 2020 through June 2021 to advance projects and share resources. Most of the committee's projects were related to the launch of the new GSMD website and included:

Passenger Profiles Project
A profile for each of the twenty-six surname "family groups" was completed. The Committee will next tackle individual profiles for every passenger with known descendants and then proceed to creating profiles for every Mayflower passenger, regardless of whether he or she had progeny.

The Passenger Profiles are intended for a wide audience of those looking to learn more about these remarkable men and women. They include interesting biographical details of the Passenger prior to the Mayflower Voyage, during the journey, and post their arrival. Where possible, images of headstones, remaining artifacts, and fun facts were included.

Additional Contributions for the New Website
The following content was submitted for consideration in the new website:

- Mayflower Women: what is known of the female passengers
- Mayflower Children: an account of what we know about the children who sailed aboard the *Mayflower*, as well as those born during the voyage or soon after the Pilgrims arrived
- Notable Descendants
- The First Encounter: a brief narrative of the Pilgrims and Wampanoags
- The Mayflower Compact: its significance

Additionally, a webinar for prospective applicants and new Historians titled, *Mayflower Application Tips: Preparing Your Documents for Review* was created and submitted.

Member Orientation Webinars
A series of webinars created to provide information to new and veteran members looking to learn more about GSMD has been completed. They include:

- *History and Structure of the Society*
- *Member Societies: How to Get Involved*
- *Partnerships and Publications*

The webinars will be available on the new website and Member Societies will be encouraged to forward a link of the webinars to their members, particularly those wishing to engage their time and talents in benefit of the Society.

Book Review
A committee member is reviewing the book, *The Last Pilgrim* by Noelle Granger.

ALLIE GOLON,
Education Committee Chair

Historic Sites
Two Mayflower pilgrimage tours have been created and offered to all Mayflower Society Descendants.

Mayflower Heritage Tour to The Netherlands and England is scheduled for May 29-June 10, 2022. It is currently sold out. I strongly suggest allowing for an additional tour to be offered in August of 2022, to allow the opportunity for ALL members of the Society.

Dates for 2023 should be decided soon as well.

On the Path of The Pilgrims is our "local" tour of Pilgrim sites in our own Boston, Plymouth, and Cape Cod, with a little Puritan and Revolutionary War history thrown in for our Boston portion. It is scheduled for July 9-14, 2022. An ad will be posted in the Sept. issue of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*. Advertising Postcards will be available at the September GBOA Meeting to pass out.

Day tours for the September GBOA Meeting have been set up for:

Sept. 8 – Adams National Historic Site and tour of Boston and Tea Party Museum.

Sept. 9 – Lexington and Concord with Orchard House and lunch in a historic Colonial Inn.

Due to COVID-19 and the new Delta variant on the rise, there may be a need to offer alternate solutions. Each venue has their own set of rules, but we have plenty of options to make each day a fun adventure regardless. I feel like we should expect members on the motor coach to wear masks.

LISA SHOEMAKER,
Historic Sites Chair

Insignia
Being Insignia Chairman is a big job. I'm lucky to have Jessica Schleinzer on the committee. A big thank you goes out to her.

I've been working with the Member Societies and their members answering a wide range of questions about insignia and merchandise. The Protocol Guidelines have been updated. Feel free to call or e-mail me with any of your questions. I do love to talk to the members and educate the membership about insignia.

I received well over 400 orders and was able to process 309 orders for insignia, jewelry, and grave markers this year.

I was quite excited to have my last order of the fiscal year 2020 be from our 100,000th member. I placed an order for a Member Medal and ancestor bar for him.

Be sure to shop, shop, shop with us.

It's a pleasure to serve GSMD.

JANE D. SCHLEINZER,
Member-at-Large, Insignia Chair

Junior Membership
Committee members: Peggy Marsh, Ann Wilkerson, Clara Waterman Powell

GSMD chairs of Mayflower Juniors are enthusiastic and creative volunteer leaders. To let you in on a well-kept secret, they also have underestimated talents, many of you have seen them at work. It has been an honor to get to know them.

Of the questionnaires e-mailed to Juniors Chairs, only twenty-three percent responded. Personal telephone conversations to those who have not returned their questionnaires, as well as to many that did, have resulted in lovely friendships, shared suggestions, and a better understanding of their needs.

The inclusion of Juniors at meetings is a frequent topic among these chairs and many have shared their success stories. If only a few Juniors attend meetings, each one in attendance may be easily involved: handout programs and activity pages, assist the Captain in leading the pledges to the flags, act as a Junior host at the registration table and develop a trivia game for members.

Three of our Member Societies are working diligently to develop Juniors programs: Australia, North Carolina and Washington have received documents, suggestions and pins for their Juniors. Michigan's Junior Chair has captured the interest of Juniors with unique activities and involvement. Wisconsin's Chair shared an application template, Friend of Mayflower Juniors, for children who are added to the family by marriage or adoption. The Kansas Chair, as well as others, inquired about the use of social media, such as Instagram. The Juniors Committee will re-examine the possibilities of posting Instagram Mayflower trivia.

Frequent requests for samples of certificates for newly admitted Juniors, has been addressed. Graphic artist and prospective GSMD member, Aimee Taylor, has created a fillable certificate document. After completing, it will be ready for signatures. The impressive full-page watermark of *Mayflower* is shared with permission, from a painting by Hingham, Massachusetts, artist and fellow GSMD member, Susan Kilmartin. This beautiful certificate will offer an optional keepsake certificate, not a standardized document.

The utilization of technology for the education of Juniors is of interest to Member Society chairs. Sending e-mailed documents to Juniors or parents of Juniors, tend to go unnoticed, become deleted or become spam. The suggestion by chairs of using our tech-savvy youth as consultants for solutions in reaching Juniors with educational materials, will become an exciting project and a primary objective.

A booklist for recommended books with themes of the first harvest feast was compiled and sent to Chairs. Each book was purchased, read and approved before the list was compiled. Many new books are surprisingly accurate and have excellent illustrations, specifically, without buckles on black clothing.

Committee members, Ann Wilkerson and Clara Waterman Powell, have contacted Family Societies to enable our committee to share contact information for scholarship application with all Member Society chairs. Many Family Societies offer scholarships, with some offering multiple opportunities. Our goal is to share this information with Mayflower Juniors.

The GSMD website Juniors Committee link was updated and sent to Chris Schlosser. Aimee Taylor created printable coloring pages of actual Mayflower Juniors! The search is on for more costumed youth to share in the honor of having a black and white image of themselves where they may add their artistic touches to their own images.

The Juniors Committee link also contains dozens of documents also found on the flash drives. These flash drives contain more than two hundred documents. Activities, historical stories and resources are a few clicks away for Juniors' programs, home educators, teachers, parents and grandparents. To ensure future use, the flash drive may be uploaded to personal computers and even shared. Any GSMD member interested in purchasing a flash drive for $5.00 may contact: peggysmarsh@comcast.net.

Objectives:

- Assist the four remaining Member Societies without Junior leadership or Juniors' programs.
- Investigate the option of implementing a pod cast with volunteer Member Society Governors as readers of five to ten-minute stories taken from *Mourt's Relation* and *Of Plimoth Plantation.*

- Continue telephone and e-mail outreach to Member Society Juniors Chairs:
    - As suggestions are made chairs of Member Societies, add as objectives for the Juniors Committee.
    - Enlist the help of chairs in locating technically savvy Juniors. These bright young people will offer suggestions for setting up and monitoring an Instagram account.
    - Involve Member Society chairs in discussing the feasibility and methodology of establishing a leadership program for Juniors, whereby these young leaders offer suggestions and advice for educating our youth. Each participating Member Society may establish its own chapter. Member Societies will also discuss the organization with their Executive Boards. Junior Leadership memberships may offer pins, certificates and a letter of recommendation for college entrance and job applications.
- The GSMD Juniors Committee will re-visit the suggestion of a short newsletter with trivia, activity pages, games, announcements and historical information.
- Send Member Societies updated contact information for 2022 GSMD scholarship applications and Family Societies' scholarship applications opportunities.
- Develop certificate for Friend of Mayflower Juniors.
- Change the name of the Facebook page: *GSMD Jr Mayflower Descendants Social Networking*. The name will be *Mayflower Juniors Resources*. The page may be used by any GSMD member for educating, inspiring and including Juniors in our Member Societies, for home educators, teachers and families, with the objective of sharing ideas, news and workable ideas for educating our youth.

PEGGY MARSH,
Junior Membership Chair

Mayflower DNA Project

The GSMD Guidelines for using DNA Evidence for Mayflower Applications including autosomal (atDNA) for the first three generations only, and Y-DNA are in progress. A preliminary draft of a form to submit with application has been outlined and is being worked on. DNA evidence will require a fully sourced proof argument along with the DNA results. There will be more to come soon.

The DNA Committee has been working on identifying the Haplogroups of Mayflower passengers and following is a list of known Haplogroups. Mike Terry is our YDNA specialist and Susan Abanor is our mtDNA specialist.

- Y-DNA; FTDNA Big Y-700 test to male passengers with known Haplogroups and SNPs
    - Haplogroups of known male passengers (Green=confirmed, Red=estimated)
        - Alden, John: R-M269
        - Billington, John: R-M269
        - Bradford, William: I-M253
        - Brewster, William: I-FT1754
        - Cooke, Francis: I-M223 > I-L1229 >> I-FGC57458
        - Doty, Edward: R-M269 > R-A1245 >> R-FT78842
        - Eaton, Francis: R-M269
        - Fuller, Edward: R-M269 > R-U106 >> R-Y85916 >>> R-FT14518
        - Fuller, Samuel: R-FT14518 (Inferred because of brother Edward)
        - Hopkins, Stephen: R-FGC71620
        - Howland, John: R-M269>> R-U106>> R-Z8> R-Z344> R-Z6> R-A96> R-S10415> R-A9703
        - Rogers, Thomas: R-FT260099
        - Samson, Henry: I-M223
        - Soule, George: I-M253>> I-YSC0000261>> I-A20032
        - Standish, Myles: I-FT276480
        - Warren, Richard: E-M35
        - White, William: R-M269
        - Winslow, Edward: I-BY71464
    - Unknown haplogroups of known passengers
        - Allerton, Isaac
        - Browne, Peter
        - Chilton, James
        - Fletcher, Moses
        - More, Richard
        - Mullins, William
        - Priest, Degory
        - Tilley, John
    - mtDNA – FTDNA mtDNA must be Full sequence. Haplogroups of known female passengers:
        - Elizabeth Walker, wife of Richard Warren: H1j
        - Hester Mathieu, wife of Francis Cooke: J1c2
        - Joan Hurst, wife of John Tilley: H1a1

- Judith Vassaul, wife of Resolved White: H6a1b2a
- Mary Chilton: T2b
- Mary Norris, wife of Isaac Allerton: W5a2
- Mary _____, 1st wife of Steven Hopkins: V
- Mary _____, wife of William Brewster: I4a
- Priscilla Mullins: H6a1a9
- Mary Beckett, wife of George Soule: H1g1

BONNIE WADE MUCIA,
Member-at-Large and Mayflower DNA Chair

***The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* Editor**
It is an honor and privilege to submit this report to the General Board of Assistants regarding the activities of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* for the year 2021. When Governor General Jane Hurt, asked me to consider being the Editor-in-Chief of our beloved magazine, I was hesitant. The project seemed daunting. I can now happily report we successfully published three editions of our magazine in 2021 and we are now preparing our fourth issue. I am most grateful for the opportunity to serve our Society in this capacity.

The theme for 2021 was gratitude as we remembered and celebrated the 400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving held in the fall of 1621. The magazine reflected this theme in a variety of ways during the past year.

Building on the creative work of our previous Editor-in-Chief, Susan Roser, we maintained the layout and general style of previous editions. This year saw us incorporate our new logo into the layout scheme and in the coming year we will continue to incorporate this logo and color configuration into our layout decisions.

Planning, producing, editing, and printing *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* takes many hands and I am most grateful for the skilled team helping to produce our magazine. With the capable support of the entire production team, which included volunteers, paid staff, and outside contractors, we crafted and mailed out a quality periodical to our members on time and within our budget this past year.

Thank you to our many writers for the wonderful and varied content they provide our readers. Also, I would like to extend a hearty thank you to Della Regenold who took over as our Copy Editor during the past year. Finally, a warm thank you to Shields Design Studio and Lane Press for their help with layout, editing, printing, and distribution tasks. A warm thank you to everyone who has helped publish our magazine this past year.

As the Editor-in-Chief, I also chair our Editorial Review Committee. This committee was active during the last year providing much support and guidance to me as editor. Thank you to both W. Becket Soule and Len Taylor for their help on this committee during the past year.

During the last year the committee has:

- Reviewed all aspects of magazine production.
- Provided input on overall policy.
- Provided guidance on specific articles.
- Offered support in writing content.
- Helped to produce the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2021 Editions of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*.
- Begun a project to ensure all past magazines are properly indexed.
- Begun a project to update the In-House Style Guide.

In closing, I would like to thank Governor General Hurt for inviting me to take on the responsibility of editing our magazine. I look forward to working with our enthusiastic and capable team in continuing to provide a high-quality periodical to our membership.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW R. WHIPPLE,
The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine Editor

Meetings and Events Committee
The Meetings and Events Committee has assisted with the 2021 GBOA meeting and will be ready to assist Minnesota in 2022. Our work will be beginning soon for Congress 2023 back here in Plymouth.

I'd like to thank the committee members who have met on Zoom, responded to e-mails, and stepped forward to help.

Grace Smith, Michigan
Gretchen Harvey, Nebraska
Prarie Counce, Texas
Carla Rigby, Maine
Susan Braun, Colorado
Nancy Saul, North Carolina

MEG P. AVERETT,
Secretary General
Meetings & Events Committee Chair

National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse
(Reminder that if you want to ride on the 2021 Mayflower float at the USA Thanksgiving Day Parade in Plymouth, contact me).

Exterior is complete. Trustee Representatives decided to divide interior projects into phases and the first one is in

progress. Bay in Sanctuary is finished to provide a before and after example of the restoration. Elevator will be installed next to complete phase one and phase two will begin after more fundraising.

Report on Fundraising

Town Grant - $2,618,000
Skirrow Bequest - $1,700,000

Member Societies - $296,775.54
(over $54,000 in pledges)

Other Organizations - $221,759.81

Individuals - $10,000

Need $12,000,000
Raised $4,800,000
To Go $7,200,000

Donors from Other Organizations and Individuals
Natl Society New England Women
Natl Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims
Natl Society Daughters of Colonial Wars
IL Society of Colonial Dames of the 17th Century
CT Society Colonial Dames of the 17th Century
Daughters of the American Colonists
Children of the American Revolution
Janet Skirrow Trust
Rockwell Island County Genealogical Society of IL
Historical Society of Old Abington
Second Congregational UCC Church in Maine
John & Gretchen Moran Charitable Fund
San Lorenzo Fund
Hamilton Roddis Foundation
The Rockwell Foundation
Friends of First Parish Meetinghouse
Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society
Descendants of Cape Cod and the Islands
Intl Haskell Family Association
Friends of the Groton Elders, Inc.
The Pilgrim William White Society
Billington Family Society
Delano Kindred
Winslow Heritage Society

LEA SINCLAIR FILSON,
Former Governor General, Meetinghouse President

The meeting recessed at 2:25 pm.
The meeting reconvened at 2:40 pm.

Pilgrim Academic Research Award
This award recognizes scholarly contribution and advancement in Pilgrim related research. During the GBOA it was announced that the award would be presented during the Governor General's 1620 Club banquet.

Past recipients of this prestigious honor have been:

2015 James W. Baker
2016 Dr. David Landon and Dr. Christa Beranek
2017 Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs
2018 Susan E. Roser
2019 Caleb H. Johnson

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is proud to announce the Pilgrim Academic Research Award for 2021 to Judith H. Swan.

FGG Swan served as the Five Generations Assistant Chair and then managed the Five Generations/Silver Books Project as Director. This avid researcher currently serves as Chair of the Historian General's Appeal Committee in solving problem application papers and continues to serve on the Silver Books Committee as a researcher.

FGG Swan on behalf of the General Society I am honored to present you with this prestigious award in recognition of your scholarly contribution in Pilgrim related research.

JANE E. GROVES HURT,
Governor General

Scholarship
Congratulations to the 2021 General Society of Mayflower Descendants Scholarship Winners!

1st Place $5,000 – Tyler Kempton

2nd Place $4,000 – Carly Hamel

3rd Place $3,000 – Lindsay Hopkins Smith

3rd Place $3,000 – Abby Curtis

Mary Chilton Winslow $3,000 –
Catherine Marie Clements

Thank you to our analyst Mark Fulcomer, and adjudicators: Steve Gibbon, Della Regenold, Nancy Saul and John White.

LORRIE LINK,
Member-at-Large, Scholarship Chair

Silver Books Project
The Silver Books Project is sixty-two years old this year! Six decades of research and ten Directors. It's an honor to be named Director of this very important project.

When it was voted on at the 1959 GBOA Meeting, their goal was to get a book or two out on the first five generations of the Mayflower Passengers. They had no idea the magnitude and the scope of work they were about to undertake! I think they would be proud to see what they started.

The Silver Books Project team has accomplished a great deal since my appointment as Director in January 2021, and I have some exciting announcements to share with you.

- We have a new sixty-page Style Guide to ensure continuity and a uniform style throughout *Silver Books* going forward. An emphasis is placed on locating original sources for the manuscripts. A scope of work document is in progress for new researchers detailing the project's purpose and what is included in the sketches.
- A Word template was created for the writers of the *Silver Books*, including cover pages, front matter, index and biography. The front matter is also being updated and standardized for new books going forward.
- One of the frequently asked questions is how can someone buy books on the first four Howland children, which were published by the now-defunct Picton Press? I'm pleased to announce we will publish a *Silver Books* on those children, Desire, John, Hope and Elizabeth. We have hired a researcher to start from scratch and Desire is well underway!
- Another exciting announcement is we are working on a *Silver Books Index Directory* which will encompass all the indices from each book into one master volume. It will be the new MF1 *Silver Books Index Directory*. It is about seventy-five percent complete and will be published shortly.
- Twelve new members of the Silver Books Project team were added since January. Those members are accomplished writers and genealogists with advanced methodology skills dealing with difficult time periods and records. A private Facebook group was started for the team and regular Zoom meetings, including presentations on advanced genealogical methodology are held. Our goal is transparency for books in process and which ones are in progress. We will have bios on all the researchers working on the books, as well as a status report on each of the books. There are fourteen books in progress.
    - MF3 Soule – In Research: Becket Soule of North Carolina.
    - MF4 Edward Fuller – In Research: Don Blauvelt of Florida.
    - MF6 Hopkins – In Research: Muriel Cushing of Florida.
    - MF7 Brown – In Research: Shellie Karol-Chik of Massachusetts.
    - MF9 Eaton – In Research: Dana Palmer, CG of Ohio.
    - MF13 White – In Research: Deborah Lansing of Florida.
    - MF15 Chilton – In Research: Susan Thomas of South Carolina.
    - MF16:7 Rebecca Alden Delano – In Review: Muriel Cushing of Florida.
    - MF19:3 Rogers – In Review: Peggy Baker of Massachusetts.
    - MF19:4 Rogers – In Progress: Peggy Baker of Massachusetts.
    - MF22 Bradford (will be three parts) – In Research: Kit Muller of Washington.
    - MF23:4 Howland (Isaac & Ruth) – In Research: Judith Swan of California.
    - MF 23:5 Howland (Desire) – In Research: Derek Wood of California.
    - MF1 *Silver Books Index Directory* – In Progress.
    - Jane Fiske, FASG of Massachusetts – Editor and Reviewer.
    - Hilary Swanson of Indiana – Editor and Reviewer.
    - Bonnie Wade Mucia of South Carolina – Director.
    - 2 Indexers and Research Assistants.
    - 1 Copier/Transcriber.
    - 1 Record Puller.
- Two children of James Chilton who remained in Holland have descendants. Christian and Ingle. Those children will be added and documented in the new MF15.
- There is a Facebook group page called Mayflower Silver Books Project for anyone who would like to join where people can ask questions and get updates on books. Anyone interested in the Silver Book Project can join the group. The page is live effective immediately and you are welcome to join.
- The Silver Books Project will have a landing page on the GSMD website which is a work in progress. You

will find details on each book and a place to pull up all the corrections and changes on that book. If a change was published in a publication other than the GSMD, it will be listed under the volume with a link to where it was published.

- We are working on a procedure and have created a Corrections and Changes to a *Silver Book* form. You will be able to submit those to the Silver Books Project and will go through the Historian General's office for approval by both departments. The form will be available on the website and Facebook page.

- *The Reference Guide to the GSMD Silver Books Series* has been updated to include all the *Silver Books* which explains how the books are organized. It has an alphabetical list with a chart detailing what generations or children the book covers as well as a numerical listing by volume. It will be available in a downloadable PDF on the website and the Facebook page.

- Another common question is how one buys a book on the Mullins family or the Tilley family. As we know, they married into the Alden and Howland families. Going forward, the women's names will be printed on the books – John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley; John Alden and Priscilla Mullins. The spine of MF23 will read HOWLAND TILLEY and MF16 will read ALDEN MULLINS. Mullins and Tilley are also listed in *The Reference Guide to the GSMD Silver Books Series.*

- We had the first-ever successful *Silver Books* sale which has been extended during the GBOA. Five books are on sale for $20 each: MF7 Brown, MF11:1 Doty, MF20:1 & 3 Samson, MF:3 Brewster.

- I encourage communication with Family Societies when a *Silver Book* is in process. If a Family Society wants to help raise money to update a *Silver Book*, we are happy to work with them to get these books done quicker.

- We are looking for volunteers with advanced genealogy research skills to assist researchers with more complex lines on occasion. If you are interested, please reach out to me at SilverBooks@TheMayflowerSociety.org.

A deep dive into the history of the Silver Books Project was conducted to understand the background and scope of the work. Many programs and articles were done and written about the history for members to see. I was able to give several virtual lectures and presentations including the following:

- Article in *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine Vol. 87, No. 2 – Spring 2021* p. 33 on the Silver Book Project and its history.

- Article in *Wicked Local* dated 9 February 2021 about the appointment of Director.

- A presentation was given to the Plymouth staff and new Verifier's training on the history of the Silver Books Project.

- Was a part of the South Carolina lecture series in June 2021 on the *Silver Books* .

- Taped a presentation about The Mayflower Society and lineage applications to the 2021 Dayton Stake Temple Family History Jamboree in Ohio via Zoom and sat on a panel of experts answering DNA and lineage applications questions.

    - "Setting Sail to the Mayflower Society with the *Silver Books* as Your Guide." The presentation walks the viewer through the history of the GSMD, the Mayflower's journey, the Pilgrims, the *Silver Books* and how to use them, document your lineage, and apply to the GSMD.

- Was featured on the second segment of the podcast *Extreme Genes* regarding The Mayflower Society and the Silver Books Project.

BONNIE WADE MUCIA,
Member-at-Large, Silver Books Project, *Chair*

Technology
Committee Members:
Allie Golon (CO), Marty Beerman (NE), Mike Nichols (TX), Reed Kneale (PA)

The primary focus of the Technology Committee for 2021 has been the design and development of a new website. Our goal is to have a site that is more inviting, more visual and one that focuses on the Society's mission to research, educate and grow the Society. With that as our roadmap, the new site is designed to engage prospective members, potential donors, researchers, as well as our own membership.

Some new features include pages devoted to the Mayflower Voyage, the Mayflower Compact, Women and Children of the Mayflower and profiles of each of the twenty-six Mayflower Passenger Families with descendants.

For prospective members, there is expanded content about how to join The Mayflower Society, including Genealogy Tips and Tricks and Application Do's and Don'ts. For prospective donors, we're highlighting our giving opportunities and demonstrating the strong impact donations have on the future of the Society and the work we're doing.

In the enhanced Members only area, members and Member Societies have access to a comprehensive menu of unique resources and Society contacts.

As part of this project, we also wanted to ensure that the new site is up-to-date from a hardware and software perspective. We are using website software used by thousands of organizations. We are working with a terrific support team – C4 Tech and Design in New Orleans. We are still striving to go live shortly after GBOA but the impacts of Hurricane Ida may impact the timing as C4 works to get the basics for survival right now.

I want to emphasize, the launch of this new site isn't the end of this effort – it is just the beginning! We will continuously add new content and refine what's here to keep things fresh and keep you—and prospective members—coming back!

Thank you to the Education Committee, Susan Roser, Bonnie Wade Mucia, Peggy Marsh, Jim Battles, and the GSMD staff for your valuable contributions!

Thanks to my terrific committee for all the hard work and dedication that went into this project!

We would not have this website without you!

CHRIS SCHLOSSER,
Technology Chair

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the 2021-2022 Budget
The budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, was prepared by our Executive Director and Treasurer General and approved by both the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee in June. The budget is balanced and totals $2,601,377.

Thirty-eight percent of our total revenue comes from our per capita assessment and twenty-five percent comes from application fees of prospective members and our Mayflower lineage match program. We continue to allocate four percent of our endowments to current operations based on our formal spending policies. This amounts to sixteen percent of our total budgeted revenue for 2022. The sales of insignia and publications, and donations raised largely through our annual appeal, account for eighteen percent of our expected revenue.

The increase in application fees for prospective members and the increase in our per capita member assessment, which were approved at our 2020 virtual Congress, have provided us with the funding needed to begin to implement the priorities reviewed last year at Congress. A significant increase in funding was provided to our application processing area in order to hire additional verifiers and implement and streamline our processes. Lineage verification of prospective members is essential to the survival of our Society and thirty-eight percent of our entire budget is allocated to reviewing and approving new members.

A significant portion of the budget was also allocated to the redesign of our website. A redesigned website is vital in order to better serve our members as well as attract new members. We have also funded a full-time IT manager for the first time to oversee our in-house technology needs.

The budget includes funding for a facilities manager to oversee needed improvements and preventive maintenance to our Mayflower Society House and campus. We have also allocated $400,000-$600,000 of our June 30, 2021, surplus to address some immediate structural repairs needed at the Mayflower Society House.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the budget.

DONALD T. STUDLEY,
CPA, Acting Treasurer General

Presentation of the Annual Audit
MOTION: Bart Henson, Audit and Finance Committee Member, moved "on behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee that the report of the auditors for the year ended June 30, 2021, be accepted." **Adopted**

It has been a challenging year for the Audit and Finance Committee ("Finance Committee") as it has been for all of us. Other than myself returning as Chairman, the Committee has two newly appointed members, Bart Henson and Janet Kelly, and one returning member, Mike Nichols. Our appointments coincided with the General Society's approval of a significant increase in the per capita assessments from our Member Societies at the September Special Congress, effective in fiscal 2021. As such, the 2020/2021 annual budget, which was approved by the previous Finance Committee on July 20, 2020, was no longer valid. Immediately after the Special Congress, Treasurer General Elizabeth "Liz" Gaudreau and the staff at Plymouth begin working on a revised 2021 budget. The new Finance Committee met via Zoom in early November to discuss roles and responsibilities. We began reviewing the revised 2020/2021 budget as proposed by our Treasurer General on November 12th. After a series of questions and answers performed via e-mail between the Finance Committee and Liz, the revised budget was approved by the Finance Committee on November 17, 2020.

The Finance Committee has continued to hold quarterly calls since the approval of the revised budget. All members of the Committee and Executive Director Susan Belekewicz attended each of the calls. Primary discussion topics included fiscal 2000/2021 financial performance versus budget, required repairs for GSMD properties, additional technology particularly related to our website and review and approval of the 2021/2022 annual budget. The proposed 2021/2022 was prepared

by Treasurer General Liz Gaudreau and delivered to the Finance Committee on June 10th. As with the revised budget in November, the Finance Committee reviewed electronically with questions being answered via e-mail by Liz. The Finance Committee approved the 2021/2022 proposed budget on June 15, 2021.

The Committee will be reviewing the audited financial statements in late August and is planning to meet with our external auditors, GT Reilly & Company to discuss the results of the annual audit and the status of internal controls on Friday, August 27th. We will be meeting in person in Plymouth at 10 am on Thursday, September 9th at Hotel 1620.

As a committee, we are committed to working with the Society to provide oversight and assist in developing a financial road map to carry us through 2023. We will accomplish this through quarterly Finance Committee meetings, monthly review of financial performance and supplemental meetings with the Treasurer General as needed to ensure financial stability is maintained.

I want to personally thank Liz and the staff at Plymouth for all of their hard work. As a committee, we look forward to serving the Society for the next two years.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. JOHNSON,
Audit and Finance Chair

Proposed Bylaw Amendments
Governor General Hurt stated the following are proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws to be considered by this body, to be forwarded to Congress in 2023.

Proposed Amendment 1.
Article VII, General Congress
Section 2: Regular Meetings

Current Wording:
The regular meetings of the General Congress shall be held at Plymouth, Massachusetts, triennially, to begin on the second Monday in September or upon such other date in September as the General Board of Assistants may designate.

MOTION: Secretary General Averett: "On behalf of the Executive Committee, I move to amend

Article VII, General Congress
Section 2: Regular Meetings

By adding the following sentence at the end:

Electronic meetings may be used for a regular meeting. The decision to hold an electronic meeting shall be made by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee. When necessary, in the event of a local, state or national emergency, a meeting may be postponed or canceled by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee.

The rationale for the proposed amendment is the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted travel and in-person meetings and gatherings. The proposed amendment allows the Society to conduct meetings using electronic formats."

AMENDMENT: KS DGG Della Regenold moved: "To amend the proposed amendment by substituting the following: If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee, a regular meeting may be held electronically, and in the event of a local, state, or national emergency be postponed or canceled and rescheduled". As amended, it will read:

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The motion was seconded by Beth Lambright, AG Oregon.

The proposed amendment 1, as amended, was adopted for submission to the 2023 General Congress for action.
Adopted

Proposed Amendment 2.
Article VII, General Congress
Section 3: Special Meetings

Current Wording:
Special sessions of the General Congress may be called upon vote of the General Board of Assistants, and shall be called upon the vote of four Member Societies. The call for a special session of the General Congress shall be issued at least three months in advance, and no business except that specifically stated in the call shall be considered.

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The motion was seconded by Beth Lambright, AG Oregon.

The proposed amendment 3, as amended, was adopted for submission to the 2023 General Congress for action. **Adopted**

Proposed Amendment 3.
Article VIII, General Board of Assistants
Section 4: Meetings

Current Wording:
Meetings of the General Board of Assistants may be called by the Governor General, and shall be called upon the written request of three of its members. Meetings shall be held at least once in each year. Said meetings may be held in any location and notice of each meeting shall be given one month in advance and shall state the object of the meeting. The Secretary General shall also send the notice of each meeting to the Secretary of each Member Society.

MOTION: Secretary General Averett: "On behalf of the Executive Committee, I move to amend

Article VIII, General Board of Assistants
Section 4: Meetings

By substitution:
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The rationale for the proposed amendment is the COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted travel and in-person meetings and gatherings. The proposed amendment allows the Society to conduct meetings using electronic formats."

AMENDMENT: KS DGG Della Regenold moved: "To amend the proposed amendment by substituting the following: If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Committee, or approved by the Governor General, a General Board of Assistants meeting may be held electronically, and in the event of a local, state or national emergency, be postponed, or canceled, and rescheduled." As amended, it will read:

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The motion was seconded by Beth Lambright, AG Oregon.

The proposed amendment 3, as amended, was adopted for submission to the 2023 General Congress for action. **Adopted**

Election of Treasurer General
Governor General Hurt asked that the Secretary General to read the following:

- *GSMD Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 8, Fill Vacancy of a General Officer.*
- GSMD Bylaws, *Article VI, Section 4, Duties of General Officers for Treasurer General.*

Secretary General Averett also read the letter of recommendation for Bart Henson for Treasurer General from Charles Johnson, Audit and Finance Committee, chair.

The election was by a majority vote of a quorum of those present and eligible to vote.

Secretary General Averett read the following:

The Executive Committee nominates **BART HENSON** of the Texas Society for the office of Treasurer General to serve the remainder of the 2020-2023 term.

Governor General Hurt called for additional nominations for the office of Treasurer General.

There being no other additional nominations, BART HENSON was declared elected as Treasurer General.

Treasurer General Bart Henson addressed the assembly.

Officer Installation
Governor General Hurt installed Bart Henson as Treasurer General. Treasurer General Bart Henson was presented to the assembly.

Training Day Highlights
Due to the time restraints, there was no discussion of Training Day highlights.

Announcements
Member-at-Large, Lorrie Link invited the assembly to the 2022 GBOA, in Bloomington, Minnesota, hosted by the Minnesota Society.

Congress 2023 will be held in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

GBOA 2024 will be held in Asheville, North Carolina.

The benediction was given by Elder General Reverend Dr. Thomas Pike.

Captain General Carter O. Weise called for the retiring of the colors by the Mayflower Guard lead by Acting Commander Charles Provost.

With no additional business, the 2021 General Board of Assistants Meeting was adjourned by Governor General Hurt at 3:55 pm.

MEG P. AVERETT
Secretary General

Judith H. Swan.

Past Recipients of the Prestigious Pilgrim Academic Research Award

2015 James W. Baker

2016 Dr. David Landon and Dr. Christa Beranek

2017 Dr. Jeremy D. Bangs

2018 Susan E. Roser

2019 Caleb H. Johnson

2021 Judith H. Swan

called by a vote of the General Board of Assistants

state the object of the meeting. The Secretary General shall also send the notice of each meeting to the

MEMBER SOCIETY NEWS

AUSTRALIA

With the assistance of GSMD Junior Membership Chair, Peggy Marsh, the Australia Society kicked off its Junior Membership Program in February 2021 and has since enrolled four new Junior Members.

Our first Junior Member is A.J. Granger, great-grandson of Robert Granger, and grandson of Scott Granger, who are Warren descendants. Our second Junior Member is Evie Isham, the granddaughter of Steve Isham and daughter of Luke Isham, who are Edward Fuller descendants.

The third and fourth Junior Members are Olivia and her older sister Matilda Lea who both joined in June. Olivia and Matilda were sponsored by their grandmother Orel Lea, a George Soule descendant.

The Junior certificates are the creative inspiration of Marion and Steve Isham. We are a family orientated organization and our families are involved. We have added a Junior Membership tab on our website, www.mayflowersociety.org.au., where the Junior Membership application form can be found.

▲ Evangeline (Evie) Isham - Junior #2. Holding her Junior Mayflower certificate on her birthday.

▲ Keenan Granger with his son "A.J." our first Junior. AJ is short for Alec-Joao Granger.

HAWAI'I

▲ Governor General Jane Hurt and Lynda Hylander.

The Hawai'i Mayflower Society continues its journey forward as we work as a team to address our mission of education and remembrance of our Pilgrim ancestors. Secretary Lindsay Kamm has produced a wonderful educational PowerPoint presentation geared towards fifth graders that will be available on our website. The information will also be made available to the Department of Education in Hawai'i and all fifth-grade teachers and anyone else interested will be able to access it for inclusion in their American History lesson plans. Lindsay also accomplished the huge task of completing and submitting our 501(c)(3) application. Deputy Governor Peter Young has been researching the life and times of our Pilgrim ancestors, and each Monday our members receive an essay on a relevant topic. These essays are also being made available on our website. Assistant Bill Stiles continues the building of our website from the foundation laid in place by past Assistant Autumn Brown. Historian Jennifer Mitten assists potential members in completing and submitting their member applications to Plymouth. We welcomed six new members in 2020, four so far in 2021, with two applications currently pending. Society Governor and Assistant General, Lynda Hylander, represented the Hawai'i Society at the 2021 GBOA Meeting in Plymouth.

MISSOURI

Experiencing History Where It All Began in Massachusetts

On the hot summer day of August 26, 2021, five ladies from Missouri and one from California visited Plymouth and toured the Plimoth Patuxet Museum. Although the temperature soared in the 90s, we walked the impressive recreation of the original Leyden Street settlement built by the Mayflower passengers. The actors, dressed in period costumes, stayed true to the characters they portrayed, as everyone enjoyed conversing with their ancestors, and having their picture taken in front of the brand new Plimoth Patuxet sign. The following evening, we were privileged to participate in the touching 100th anniversary Pilgrim Progress.

▲ From the left: Sandra Walker, Carmen Boyd, Carolyn Youngs, Pat Haas, Dee Dosch, and Natalie Wallace.

OHIO

Ohio Recognitions to become Annual Event!

▲ Keeping the Brewster Press Alive Award.

The Ohio Mayflower Society newsletter, *The Buckeye Mayflower,* does not put itself together!! Editor Ann Gulbransen works her wonders arranging all submissions into a wonderful publication, and does a good deal of reporting herself. At this year's annual meeting, twenty-one individuals were recognized for their newsletter contributions in 2020. The honorees were: **Cincinnati Colony:** Beth Anderson, Friend Vickie Reel, Star Vondrell, Karl Matson, and Shaun Smith; **Cleveland Colony:** Vicky Heineck, Larry Hoyt, Donald Nichols, and Bob Coltrin; **Columbus Colony:** Hilda Pappas, Jan Kleinline, Sandy St. Martin, and Alexander Hudson; **Toledo Colony:** Susan Fisher and Tina Cruz; and **Western Reserve Colony:** Christina Schepis, Ann Gulbransen, Lee Martin, Anna Bristol, Barbara Dodge Keller, and Jill Parker.

These awards will be made each year at the annual meeting as a thank you to those who contributed articles for the prior year's publications. While the thank you gift will vary from year to year, the honorees this last fall received an engraved slate coaster for their 2020 contributions.

RHODE ISLAND

▲ From the left: SMDRI new members, Julie Mayo and Susan Daly, receive their membership certificates in Plymouth in front of the *Mayflower II* from Governor Nancy Wildes while Past Governor "Skip" William Watson Taylor Jr. administers the membership oath.

TEXAS

The Texas Society of Mayflower Descendants Awards Two 400th Anniversary Commemorative Scholarships to Wampanoag Tribe Students.

In commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving, and in honor of the Wampanoag people for the help and friendship given to our Mayflower ancestors, the Texas Society in September awarded the following two scholarships to deserving Wampanoag high school graduates to help with their college educations:

1. $3,000 to Dasia Peters who will pursue a Communications Degree at Bridgewater State University in Bridgewater, Massachusetts; and
2. $1,500 to Alyssa Harris who is pursuing a Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree at Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Both winners have excellent grade records, strong recommendations, and excelled in a 500-word essay on "What does my tribal history from many years ago mean to me, and what will I do to further that heritage going forward?"

▲ First place winner Dasia Peters with her father Jermaine Peters.

▲ Second place winner Alyssa Harris, her mother Judi Urquhart, Bart Henson, Texas Society, and Prarie Counce, Texas Society Governor.

WYOMING

The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Wyoming participated in the Cody Stampede Parade at Cody, Wyoming, July 3, 2021. Our banner read "400th Anniversary of the First Thanksgiving." Again, as in 2020, we were warmly received by the watching crowd, with spectators from many of the fifty U. S. States. Announcers said 50,000 spectators lined Main Street for the parade. Participants on the float were David and Garnet Jolley, Amber, Madeleine, and Mark Orton, and Governor Elwood M. Porter II.

Our Wyoming members are pleased to belong to our Member Society and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, and extend best wishes for a bright future for all Member Societies of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

New Treasurer General Announced

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has a new Treasurer General. His name is Bart Henson. Bart has been serving on the GSMD Finance Committee since 2020 and was sworn in as our new Treasurer General at the General Board of Assistants Meeting in September.

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Bart's interest in The Mayflower Society was cultivated by his uncle, Raymond Hurlbert, who was Governor of the Alabama Society. Bart joined the Connecticut Mayflower Society in 1981 as a descendant of John Howland. Since then, he has proven descent from William Brewster and Isaac Allerton.

Relocated to Houston, Bart transferred to the Texas Mayflower Society in 1987. He served as Texas Treasurer from 1995 through 2001, Texas Governor from 2007 through 2009 and Deputy Governor General for Texas from 2008 through 2014.

While serving as Texas Treasurer, Bart led a survey and analysis of reserves/endowment funds of large Mayflower Member Societies. He then led the formation of the Texas Endowment fund, establishing the investment direction leading to a significant growth of the fund. Since 2008 he has led the Texas Endowment, Audit, and Finance Committees for multiple terms.

Bart attended Georgia Tech where he earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering and worked at Exxon Chemical Company for thirty-five years in the roles of engineer, business/financial analyst, product manager, technical division manager, project management head and business manager of a worldwide synthetic rubber business with annual revenue of $150 million. He also oversaw attorneys in prosecution of patent litigation. After Exxon, Bart worked at Phillip Townsend Associates for six years as a Senior Advisor and business analyst for chemical companies and their operating economics, including computer business modeling and comparison.

Bart shares his financial expertise in many ways. Bart has served as Treasurer and President of his Condo Homeowner's Association, Treasurer of the Homeowner's Association at his previous residence, and was Treasurer of his college social fraternity. He is an active member of The Barnabas Group, supporting faith-based non-profits with business and financial advice, a volunteer in the Prison Entrepreneurship Program, providing business and financial advice to soon to be released inmates.

A man of faith, Bart has served as Elder, Clerk of Session, Stephen Minister, Head of the Personnel Committee, and class leader in his local church. He chaired the Governing Council for Houston Presbyterian Cursillo for four years and founded/led a high school youth retreat program called Celebration.

Bart and Jane have been married for fifty-two years and are the proud parents of three grown daughters.

Winslow Heritage Society

▲ Winslow Family Crest.

"I saw behind me those who had gone, and before me those who are to come. I looked back and saw my father, and his father, and all our fathers, and in front to see my son, his son, and the sons upon sons beyond...I was in a long line that had no beginning and no end... and we found that we were one..."
Richard Llewellyn, "How Green Was My Valley"

The Winslow Heritage Society is one of the newer members of Family Societies. The society sprang from an event at the 2011 GSMD Congress when the roll of ancestors was called, and no one stood for Winslow. A descendant of Kenelm Winslow, in attendance, later penned an article for *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*, "Who Will Stand for Winslow?" This resulted in a group of dedicated volunteers coming together to form the Winslow Heritage Society created for descendants of Edward Winslow Sr. of England. Its first annual meeting was held September 8, 2014, during the 2014 GSMD Congress in Plymouth. Annual meetings are held via teleconference, except during Congress years when meetings are held in-person.

The objectives of the Winslow Heritage Society are:

- To perpetuate the history and honor the memory of the Winslow brothers who first stepped foot in America during the Great Pilgrimage beginning with the voyage of the *Mayflower* in 1620: Edward Jr., Gilbert, John, Kenelm, and Josiah.
- To encourage continued research and education regarding the children of Edward Winslow Sr., including those in America and in England, and to reach out to other kindred family and Pilgrim friends.
- To assist in the preservation of history pertaining to all Pilgrim families drawn to the shores of America for religious freedom, new frontiers, trade, etc. who participated in the building of a nation.
- To celebrate the time-honored traditions which began when our forefathers first set foot in Plymouth Colony.
- To establish a memorial fund to be used in memory of the Winslow family.
- To encourage and support DNA testing programs.

Membership in the Winslow Heritage Society is open to all persons who can (1) prove lineage to any descendant of Edward Winslow Sr. (1560-1631); (2) prove lineage to any Mayflower Pilgrim and has an interest in the history of the Winslow family; or (3) prove lineage to the ancient Winslow lines.

Two society members, David Appleton and Ruth Major, recently researched the Winslow Coat of Arms, beginning with the exploration of the English Law of Arms from the reign of King Henry V forward in time, resulting in the creation of a new rendering of the Coat of Arms. Of importance in the process was review of a Latin motto from an earlier time, Decoptus Floreo, interpreted as "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again." With no apparent Latin to English translation found by the researchers to support this, a Latinist at Princeton University, Professor Denis Feeney, was consulted. After review of the various iterations of the motto through the years, Professor Feeney translated the motto as Decerptus Floreo, "Although cut off, I flourish."

This new motto is truly applicable to Winslow family descendants in America, "cut off" from the main stem of the family in England but flourishing in America; new growth on the old oak stump depicted in the crest at the top of Winslow arms.

Additional information about the Winslow Heritage Society can be found at www.winslowheritagesociety.org.

▲ Kerswell, Ancient Home of Kenelm Winslow (c. 1534 – 1607). Photo by John Meyers.

In Search of the *Mayflower*: A Reporter's Voyage to Find His Pilgrim Heritage

Andy Alcock

Four hundred years ago, a group of 102 passengers and a crew of roughly 35 set sail from Plymouth, England, in September 1620 aboard the *Mayflower* to establish a colony near the Hudson River in northern Virginia, an area that is now the State of New York. Strong winter seas, however, forced the *Mayflower* to anchor at Cape Cod Hook, what is now Provincetown Harbor.

Faced with the unfamiliar and harsh New England winter, within a few months, almost half the Mayflower passengers died. Despite the hardships, the Pilgrims established Plymouth Colony in New England after their arrival at Cape Cod in November 1620.

At the 300th anniversary of the landing in 1920, then Massachusetts Governor Calvin Coolidge, who would later become President of the United States, said of the Pilgrims, "They came undecked with honors of nobility. They were not children of fortune, but of tribulation. Persecution, not preference brought them hither. Measured by the standards of men of their time, they were the humble of the earth. Measured by their later accomplishments, they were the mighty. No captain ever led his forces to such a conquest. Oblivious to rank, yet men trace them to their lineage as to a royal house."

This story traces my own ancestry search to this iconic group in America's history. According to family lore, my personal connection to the *Mayflower* is contained in my middle name, Bradford. My late father, Gordon Bradford Alcock, told me we are descendants of Mayflower passenger William Bradford who served as governor of Plymouth Colony and wrote a journal about the experiences of those early settlers.

As an investigative reporter for many years, it is one thing to say you are a descendant of Governor Bradford, it is altogether something else to prove it with documented evidence. No matter what I found, I knew I would have a better understanding of my heritage as would other members of my family.

To quote Longfellow, it would also give me an opportunity to "put my footprints on the sands of time" for my family and their descendants. My personal search for the *Mayflower* began by reaching out to relatives on the paternal side of my family through phone calls, e-mails, and social media. Some relatives I had not spoken to in many years, and others I had never met until I began this search.

▲ Scotty Alcock with plane.

Like every genealogical search, I started with myself and then worked back adding my parents, Gordon Bradford and Phyllis (Anderson) Alcock, and then branching off to my father's parents, particularly my grandfather Warren Joseph "Scotty" Alcock, whose branch of the family tree is the one I was told would bear fruit.

Part of what I learned about my grandfather I found at the World War I Museum right here in Kansas City! According to family, Scotty left engineering school at the University of Illinois to enlist in the United States Army on December 24, 1917. He was on a passenger list for the *President Grant* departing Hoboken, New Jersey, on August 22, 1918, for the "Great War" in Europe.

Records and family photos show he served in the U.S. Army Air Service as a second lieutenant. He was a bombardier, dropping bombs by hand from the plane in those very early days of aviation. According to family, his plane crashed due to a malfunction and he spent time in a German hospital. Those same Kansas City records show he returned home aboard the ship *America* on May 7, 1919.

The next branch on the tree towards the *Mayflower* is Scotty's father and my great-grandfather Charles Wesley Alcock. Charles was the son of Irish emigrant Joseph Alcock and his first wife, Sarah Ann Chapin Alcock, who was a New England blue blood with long roots to Colonial America. Records from a Chapin Family genealogical book published in 1924, and a copy of their marriage license I obtained, show Joseph Alcock married Sarah Ann Chapin on September 5, 1866, in Racine, Wisconsin. Religion seems to be the reason that brought these two people together. Both were Protestants, Joseph being part of Ireland's religious minority known as the Orangemen, and Sarah being from a long line of Puritan Protestants.

The next branch on the family tree towards the *Mayflower* is Sarah Ann Chapin Alcock's parents, Charles Church Chapin and Sarah "Sally" W. Partridge who,

records show, were married in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, on New Year's Day, 1835.

The next branch on the family tree towards the *Mayflower* formed when two key families in my ancestry united on February 5, 1791, with the marriage of Charles Church Chapin's parents, Calvin Chapin and Abigail Church, in Orange, Massachusetts. Abigail Church lived past her ninetieth birthday, while her husband Calvin didn't make it to his fortieth birthday. The couple had nine children, including my third-great-grandfather Charles Church Chapin, who was their seventh child.

Abigail's parents, Charles Church and Eunice Peckham, are the next link back in time towards the *Mayflower*. Records show Charles and Eunice were married on August 18, 1756, in Bristol, Rhode Island. Charles and Eunice, are a unity point for four different Mayflower family lines.

The Church Family line is the first one I followed. Charles Church's parents Constant Church and Mary Reynolds were married in Bristol, Rhode Island, on January 25, 1732.

Constant Church's parents Charles Church and Hannah Payne also married in Bristol, Rhode Island, on May 20, 1703. Records show Charles Church was a high sheriff of the county and a representative to the general court. His parents were Colonel Benjamin Church and Alice Southworth who were married in Plymouth the day after Christmas in 1671.

Colonel Church, my eighth-great-grandfather, was a carpenter, military officer and ranger, a precursor to the U.S. Army Rangers. Colonel Church was also a leader in King Philip's War in which colonists fought with Native American allies against other Native American tribes. The Rhode Island Society of Colonial Wars honored Colonel Church with a plaque at his gravesite for his "fearless leadership and effective command."

With Colonel Church and Alice Southworth, I am within two generations of the *Mayflower* and my connection to Governor William Bradford, my namesake. To find that connection, I went to Alice Southworth's line and her parents, Constant Southworth and Elizabeth Collier, who were married on November 2, 1637, in Plymouth.

▲ Colonel Benjamin Church.

Records show Constant Southworth is Governor Bradford's stepson. Here's the connection. Constant Southworth's parents were Edward Southworth and Alice Carpenter Southworth. Constant was born on May 25, 1613, in Leiden, Holland, where many Pilgrims lived after leaving England to escape religious persecution before coming to Colonial America. Edward Southworth died sometime before 1623.

▲ Charles Church Chapin Headstone.

My tenth-great-grandmother, Alice Carpenter Southworth, boarded the ship *Anne* in 1623 and brought her two young sons Constant, my nineth-great-grandfather, and Thomas to Plymouth Colony where she met William Bradford, himself a widower, after his first wife, Dorothy May, drowned after falling from the *Mayflower* on December 7, 1620, into the frigid waters of what is now Provincetown Harbor, while Bradford was on an expedition to find a suitable location to establish the colony.

William Bradford married my tenth-great-grandmother Alice Carpenter Southworth on August 14, 1623, not long after her arrival on the *Anne*. The couple had three children, William II, Mercy and Joseph Bradford. While all these children and their ancestors are my distant relatives, I've not been able to find one of these lines showing I have a direct blood relationship to Governor William Bradford, my middle namesake.

It would seem my search for the *Mayflower* might end there. However, it didn't. One slight change sent me in a different direction. Instead of following Alice Southworth's line to get to Governor Bradford, I followed Colonel Church's line.

Colonel Church's parents were Richard Church II and Elizabeth Warren who were married on March 14, 1635, in Plymouth just fifteen years after the *Mayflower* arrived there. Elizabeth Warren's father was Richard Warren, one of the Mayflower passengers!

Richard Warren was one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact, the first governing document of Plymouth Colony. Warren came alone on the *Mayflower*, leaving his wife and five daughters, including my ninth-great-grandmother Elizabeth Warren, behind in England. They came to Plymouth Colony a few years later in 1623 aboard the *Anne*, just like my tenth-great-grandmother Alice Carpenter Southworth, who married William Bradford.

After Elizabeth and her daughters arrived in Plymouth, Richard Warren and his wife Elizabeth Walker had two sons, Nathaniel and Joseph Warren, to go along with their five daughters.

In addition to Elizabeth Warren, my research found I am also directly related to two more Richard Warren children. Nathaniel is my ninth-great-grandfather and Sarah is my tenth-great-grandmother.

▲ Phyllis Anderson Alcock and Gordon Bradford Alcock.

On April 3, 2019, I began my journey to document these lines and submit an application for membership to the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Kansas. I diligently searched for and compiled seven generations of birth, marriage and death records, sometimes using information from land records, wills, military records, published genealogies and census records to complete my lineage application. As many know, this is a daunting task, but one I felt I had to complete in order to have definitive proof of my Mayflower heritage. The COVID-19 pandemic also complicated my application process. My perseverance was rewarded when I received notification on October 21, 2020, from the Kansas Historian my application was approved on October 16, 2020. I am a proud member of The Mayflower Society!

The genealogical research and application process was a remarkable journey of learning and appreciation of my ancestry. While the search for the *Mayflower* is part of my ancestral story, EVERYBODY has their own family history.

While it can be challenging and at times consuming to find it, I found it was well worth it and extremely gratifying! And there will be new stories to tell for the latest generation as it makes a mark in the world.

We ALL owe a debt of gratitude to our ancestors who came before us. There's a Chinese proverb at the beginning of the Chapin Genealogy book worth noting. "To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." We, as descendants of the Pilgrims, are brooks with rich sources and trees with deep roots. And for this blessing, I am grateful.

Andy Alcock is a six-time Emmy Award winning TV news investigative reporter. He has previous experience in Chicago, Louisville, Nashville, Kansas City and Guam. He is a Western Springs, Illinois, native and currently resides in Overland Park, Kansas, with his wife Sarah and 14-year-old son Gordon.

Thanksgiving Q & A for Mayflower Descendants

Rebecca Locklear

Were you barraged last fall with questions about the First Thanksgiving? Did you try to share the story and be politically correct at the same time? Listed below are a few questions Mayflower Descendants encountered during Thanksgiving 400.

1. Who had the upper hand when the Pilgrims landed?

Richard Pickering, Deputy Executive Director of Plimoth Patuxet Museums, makes it clear that the English were in a position of weakness. "At every moment in the early years, the messaging and the encounters were always controlled by Ousamequin/Massasoit [1581-1661] who was the sachem of the Pokanoket people. He chose when he would be seen and he made certain that at every moment it emphasized their strength and it emphasized his mastery of diplomatic relations among Native communities within the region. He controlled every time these people [Native and English] met within the early years. He made certain it was always to the advantage of his people."[1]

2. Did Natives think the Pilgrims were under attack when preparing for their harvest feast?

The story that ninety of Massasoit's men arrived from up to forty miles away because they heard shooting and thought the Pilgrims were under attack, has been refuted. Based on *Mourt's Relation* and archeological evidence, Native people lived literally across the brook from the Pilgrims in Plymouth Colony. It's not known how long Native women and children lived across the brook, but they did plant crops and continue to live there through the summer of 1621, and it's assumed they harvested the crops in the fall.[2] Thus, the Natives and English saw each other daily. Because Natives were aware of the Pilgrims' use of guns, and some lived nearby, they knew the Pilgrims were not under attack.

3. What is the latest research on the Pilgrims' harvest event?

The three-day harvest feast could have served as a diplomatic event with a greater number of people in

attendance than originally thought. A month prior, the Plymouth colonists had concluded agreements with nine sachems in the area.[3] Thus, the narrative today comes from Edward Winslow's description of the event: "... many of the Indians coming amongst us, and *among the rest* their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men...."[4] So yes, Massasoit arrived at the Pilgrim harvest with about ninety men, but there were possibly other sachems there with people travelling with them, as well as Native women and children who came from across the brook. Thus, there were probably many more than ninety Natives and over fifty colonists at the First Thanksgiving, as well as more women available to cook.

4. Why are Pilgrims the symbolic founders of our nation?

James W. Baker, former Director of Research at Plimoth Patuxet Museums and Curator of the Alden House Historic Site, says the Pilgrims were the "progenitors of New England." They were seen as "quietly heroic and lacked the embarrassing missteps that beset other colonial ventures."[5] Also, the Pilgrims didn't come to conquer, convert, or exploit others, but rather came as refugees. Arriving in Plymouth with women and children was a non-verbal signal of peace. In addition, some today feel the cherished value of freedom is rooted in the landing of the *Mayflower*. These are reasons why, like other nations who have founding stories, the Pilgrim story became our founding story.

5. Why are Pilgrims blamed for the ills of our society?

There's a tendency to judge people in the past by today's perceived enlightened thinking and standards. "Pilgrims have become scapegoats for the sense of injustice that is now widely taught as part of a 'multicultural' education," explains Dr. Peter Wood, anthropologist, Mayflower descendant, and President of the National Association of Scholars. "The original settlers are blamed for things of which they were either entirely innocent or mostly so."[6] Note: In 2021, school topics flagged as potentially harmful material for students included: Thanksgiving; any historical or current dramatic reenactment; and anything related to slavery, the holocaust, or deemed racist.

6. Did Native people contribute to their own demise?

Dr. Peter Wood took on this question. "It's hard to know the intent of the question," he began. "Did the Natives contribute by welcoming the Pilgrims or did they contribute by persisting in inter-tribal warfare with each other, thus weakening their ability to resist colonial aggression? A large-scale European colonial enterprise was going to come, sooner or later. Massasoit's alliance with the Pilgrims was excellent statecraft that helped protect the interests of his people for another two generations. Inter-tribal warfare was endemic to all Native American peoples. It wasn't about to end merely because a handful of Englishmen had set up a tiny colony on the coast."[7]

Dr. Wood continued by sharing the big picture. "Efforts to create wider alliances among tribes did eventually arise. That's how King Philip's War proceeded, with disastrous consequences for both the English and the Indians. In the early 19th century, the Shawnees under the leadership of Tecumseh attempted to create a pan-Indian alliance centered in Indiana. It too had disastrous consequences for the Indians, setting the stage for fifty years of enmity between settlers and Indians and resulting in federal policies of Indian removal."[8]

7. Why is it important to keep learning about the 1620 Pilgrims and Native people?

This part of history highlights strength of character, survival feats, self-reliance, perseverance, tolerance, wisdom, courage, and working together. It's a reminder of how people can learn from history to create the kind of cohesive community today that was essential for Pilgrim and Native survival.

The Thanksgiving story, in particular, provides space for thought, gratitude, and hope. Is there a way to repair damage to our environment that was pristine in the 1600s? Is it possible to realize personal dreams while respecting the lives and human rights of others? In what ways can individuals and nations move forward as co-existing people?

Rebecca Locklear is an educational writer, a Mayflower descendant, and 12th generation Cape Codder. She is the author of *The Mayflower at Cape Cod - Stories, activities, and research that connect 1620 with life today.*

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Exciting Genealogy News from the GBOA!

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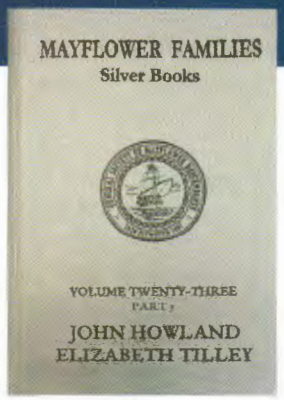

There is exciting news regarding the Silver Books Project we would like to share with you! At the 2021 General Board of Assistants Meeting of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth, Massachusetts, Bonnie Wade Mucia gave a comprehensive presentation on the new changes at the Silver Books Project. She was appointed Director of the Silver Books Project in January 2021. In April this year, she also gave an overview of the changes at the Extreme Genes podcast.

The Silver Books Project is over sixty years old, and started out as the Five Generations Project in 1959. Many books have been produced over the years, and some are still "In Progress," and others have become outdated. Now, over a dozen new editions of the *Silver Books* are under research or being prepared for publication soon! This includes a new *Silver Books Directory*, which will be an index of all the *Silver Books*. It also includes a new sixty-page style guide for the current and future *Silver Books*.

To keep up with all the coming changes, you will be able to see some of this new information on the General Society's updated website which includes a dedicated Silver Books page.

Bonnie Wade Mucia also started a new Facebook page for the *Silver Books* which went live on the day of the announcement in Plymouth. Visit https://www.facebook.com/groups/537404344187696.

My favorite new change to this project is that the GSMD will now be listing the wife's name on the cover of the *Silver Books* for Volume 16, which will now read John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, and Volume 23, which will read John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley.

The website will contain a form for submitting future corrections, and the GSMD will be vetting those corrections for future editions of the *Silver Books*. If you have new documentation on a Mayflower line, please contact Bonnie Wade Mucia! Her e-mail is SilverBooks@TheMayflowerSociety.org.

Some of the works in progress (more changes coming!):

Currently, Chilton and More descendants are combined in Volume 15. This will change since two new children of Chilton (Christian and Ingle) have been discovered in Leiden with generations of descendants.

Volume 16, part 7 – John Alden and Priscilla Mullins, 5th generation naming the 6th generation descendants of Rebecca (Alden) Delano.

Volume 23, includes descendants of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley. There were ten children, all with descendants. The four eldest children (Desire, John, Hope and Elizabeth) had blue bound books published by Picton Press, now out of business (out of print!). There will be new *Silver Books* for these volumes.

Bonnie is hoping that some of the Family Societies will come forward with donations towards the Silver Books Projects for these volumes that need updating. Funds are required to update several other volumes of *Silver Books*.

Heather Wilkinson Rojo is a retired school teacher. She served as Governor of the New Hampshire Mayflower Society from 2017 - 2020 and is the author of the Nutfield Genealogy blog.

Word was received on November 1st of the death of Ben Averett, husband of Secretary General, Meg Averett. We send our sincere sympathy to Meg.

Congratulations to the 2021 GSMD Scholarship Winners!

1st Place $5,000 – Tyler Kempton

Tyler Kempton is from Riva, Maryland, and graduated from South River High School as part of the Computer Science program. He is studying computer science at the University of Maryland this fall. Tyler is a passionate runner and enjoys travelling and spending time outdoors. Tyler is a descendant of Thomas Rogers.

2nd Place $4,000 – Carly Hamel

Carly Hamel is from Carlsbad, California, and graduated from Pacific Ridge School. She is a neuroscience student this fall at the University of Southern California in the Freshman Science Honors Program and is planning to go into Pre-Med to become a Neurologist. In addition to loving neuroscience, Carly loves learning about genealogy and the complex history behind each one of her ancestors. Carly is descended from James Chilton, and his daughter Mary Chilton.

3rd Place $3,000 – Lindsay Hopkins Smith

Lindsay Smith is from Darien, Connecticut, and graduated from Darien High School with high honors and was in the Music and National Honors Societies. Lindsay is attending the University of Texas at Austin this fall as a Pre-Med student. A nationally registered EMT, Lindsay volunteered eighty hours per month responding to 911 calls. She is an Open Champion Irish Step Dancer, international competitor, and student teacher. Lindsay is descended from Stephen Hopkins.

3rd Place $3,000 – Abby Curtis

Abbey Curtis is from Livonia, Michigan, and graduated from Stevenson High School where she participated in track and field, cross country, National Honor Society, and student council. Abby is attending Michigan State University this fall where she plans to earn a bachelor's degree in either Nursing or Education, and then plans to earn her master's degree. Abby also enjoyed being involved in multiple community service organizations, such as Blessings in a Backpack; Gleaners Community Food Bank; and Fleece & Thank You. Abby is a descendant of William Bradford and loved being able to research more about her ancestor's life for this scholarship.

Mary Chilton Winslow $3,000 – Catherine Marie Clements

Catherine Clements is from East Greenwich, Rhode Island, and graduated from LaSalle Academy in Providence, Rhode Island. Next year, Catherine will be attending Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, where she will be playing soccer. Catherine plans to major in Biology on a Pre-Med track in the hopes of pursuing a graduate degree in medicine. She is a descendant of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley.

Tyler Kempton's 1st Prize Scholarship Essay:

Describe the first Thanksgiving held by the Pilgrims during the fall of 1621. When and why was the first Thanksgiving held? Who attended the first Thanksgiving? What food is thought to have been eaten during this first Thanksgiving feast and who provided it? How long did this feast last?

A cool autumn breeze blew bright red, orange and yellow leaves off the trees as the sun reflected off the deep blue water of Cape Cod Bay. The year was 1621, and there was a jubilant mood in the air: the Pilgrims were eager to celebrate a plentiful harvest in this new world, a great triumph after a severe winter had killed half of the settlers in the year prior.

Looking out across the village, Pilgrims and local Wampanoag tribe members intermingled as the smell of cooked meats wafted through the air. The governor of the colony had sent out four men to hunt foul, and they had returned highly successful. Other Pilgrims joined some of the Wampanoag to hunt deer, returning with five kills. The bounties of these hunts contributed to the feast of venison, duck, geese, corn, wild turkey, cod, and bass. The fifty Pilgrims were joined by around ninety Wampanoag Native Americans, including their king, Massasoit, for three festive days of hunting, feasting, and celebration.

Neither the Native Americans or Pilgrims that attended knew the impact of that historic first Thanksgiving feast, an event that would mark the beginning of a lasting American tradition. 400 years later, we celebrate in the same fashion: by being appreciative and thankful for all that we have.

Editor's Note: This is part one of Tyler's three part scholarship essay.

Connecting Robert D. Carver, a Descendant of Pilgrims Peter Brown and John Alden, to His Ancestors by Following the Money

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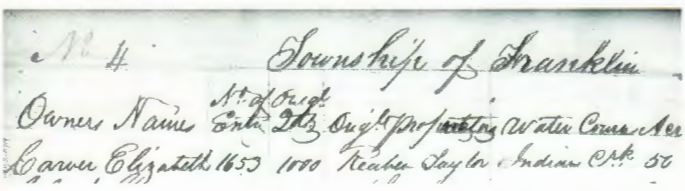
How can a Mayflower Society application be approved when direct evidence does not exist to connect the generations? The answer, of course, is to use indirect evidence to build a solid case showing how each generation connects to the previous generation. This is often done by using a variety of sources such as probate documents, deeds, and tax records. Reviewing the transfer of assets over time, or in other words, "following the money," can often lead to the proof needed to connect generations.

Examining records for extended family members over four generations and following the distribution of inherited property is how kinship for Robert D. Carver was established to connect him to his father, Leander Robert Carver, his grandfather Oliver Carver, and his great-grandfather Ralph Carver. A detailed proof argument of Robert D. Carver's kinship was included in a recently approved Mayflower application (GSMD #98978).

Robert D. Carver descends from Pilgrim Peter Brown (Volume 7 of the *Silver Books*) and Pilgrim John Alden (Volume 16) which stops at **Ralph[6] Carver [Sr.]**, son of Benjamin[5] and Elizabeth (Porter) Carver, who was born at East Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut ca. 1766.[1] Ralph Carver [Sr.] married **Mary Trowbridge** at Rutland County, Vermont, about 1793. No marriage record has been found for them yet. The book about the Trowbridge Genealogy lists Mary Trowbridge, who was born about 1767, as the daughter of Isaac Trowbridge and the wife of Ralph Carver of Castleton, Vermont. The footnote for this family's entry references *A History of the Town of Fair Haven, Vermont*.[2] One of the two entries in *A History of the Town of Fair Haven, Vermont*, for Mary detailed how Mary Trowbridge, the wife of Ralph Carver of Castleton, received an inheritance from Levi Trowbridge's estate.[3] Ralph Carver was enumerated in Castleton, Rutland County, Vermont, for both the 1790[4] and 1800 census records [5] next to Benjamin Carver's household. Benjamin Carver gave part of his home in Castleton to his son Ralph on 27 August 1801. Ralph Carver was also one of the heirs listed in his father's will dated 2 August 1803 and proved 29 March 1804. The *Silver Books* also note that Ralph Carver, son of Benjamin Carver, was the same man age 84 years, in Ohio Township, Clermont County, Ohio, for the 1850 census.[1] During the 1810 census, Ralph Carver [Sr.] was listed in Castleton, Rutland, Vermont,[6] two entries before his widowed mother, Elizabeth Carver.[7] The *History of Clermont County, Ohio*, had an entry about Ralph Carver [Jr.], one the sons of Ralph Carver [Sr.], and their move to Ohio. It stated, "the Carver family came from Vermont in 1815, and located in the northwestern part of Franklin." It noted this son Ralph Carver [Jr.] moved to Wisconsin when it was still a territory and later served in the Legislature. Another son, Oliver Carver, was listed as dying of the yellow fever at New Orleans in 1821.[8] On 25 April 1816, Ralph [Sr.] and Oliver Carver jointly purchased fifty acres of land on the waters of Indian Creek in Clermont County survey 1653.[9] This was the same property Ralph and Oliver Carver were jointly taxed on in the 1819 tax list[10] and for which Oliver took over in 1821.[11] Ralph Carver [Sr.] was found in Franklin Township, Clermont County, Ohio, during the 1820 census.[12] He continued to be taxed for property he owned in Clermont County, Ohio, through 1834.[13] He has not been found as the head of any households in 1830 nor 1840. Two of Ralph [Sr.]'s children were interred in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, Hamilton, Ohio, Ralph Carver Jr. and Elizth. D. Robb. The interment card for Ralph Carver Jr. listed his birth in Castleton, Rutland, Vermont, on 30 March 1802 as the son of Ralph and Elizabeth Trowbridge Carver.[14] Elizabeth D. Robb's interment record had her birth in Rutland County, Vermont on 11 May 1795 the daughter of Ralph Carver.[15] Ralph Carver [Sr.] and his



▲ 1826 Tax Record, Clermont County, Ohio.

R. D. Carver tombstone, Felicity Cemetery.

wife Mary sold land in New Richmond, Clermont County, Ohio, to James T. Johnson on 1 October 1841. Elizabeth D. Robb was one of the witnesses.[16] In 1850, Ralph Carver [Sr.] resided in Elizabeth G. Robb's household in Ohio Township, Clermont County, Ohio. He was listed as being 84 years old and born in Connecticut.[17] Mary likely died between 1 October 1841 and the 1850 census in Clermont County, Ohio. Ralph has not been found in the 1860 census nor in any of the cemetery transcriptions for Clermont County, Ohio.

Oliver[7] Carver, son of Ralph[6] and Mary (Trowbridge) Carver, was born at Rutland County, Vermont, ca 1794.[18] He married **Elizabeth Brown** at Clermont County, Ohio, on 11 June 1816.[19] On 15 February 1819, Ralph and his wife Mary Carver sold land in Clermont County, Ohio, survey 1653 as a quitclaim deed to Oliver Carver.[20] Oliver and Elizabeth had at least three children: Leander Carver born in 1818, Lucy A. Carver born in 1819, and Larret W. Carver born in 1821. Lucy A. Carver's age and birth year of 1819 in Ohio can be established from the 1860[21] and 1870[22] census; her death record;[23] and burial entry in the Felicity Cemetery in Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio.[24] Relationships were usually not recorded in the 1870 census, however, the occupation column for Elizabeth Carver in Lucy A. Turner's household lists "lives with daughter,"[25] further solidifying kinship between Elizabeth Carver and her daughter Lucy A. Turner. Larret W. Carver's death record on 28 July 1893, in Felicity, Franklin Township, Clermont County, Ohio, lists his age as 71 years, 8 months, and 15 days,[26] placing his birth in 1821, which is confirmed by his headstone.[27] Oliver Carver was enumerated as the head of the household in Franklin Township, Clermont County, Ohio, in the 1820 census.[28] The two young children in his household match the ages for Leander and Lucy. In 1821, Oliver took over paying property taxes he previously jointly paid with Ralph Carver. This is the same property that Oliver jointly purchased with Ralph Carver in 1816.[9] Oliver continued to pay taxes on this land through 1825.[29] In 1826, Elizabeth Carver paid the taxes.[30] In the *History of Clermont County, Ohio*, Oliver Carver is reported to have died in New Orleans in 1821 from yellow fever, and his brother Capt. L. W. Carver, is described as a resident of Felicity.[8] Oliver Carver may have gone to New Orleans to preach since journals of circuit riders indicate he was a preacher.[31] Death records for New Orleans do not exist for this time period and no headstone or death notice has been found. The taxes that were due on the value of their property or chattels were generally paid the following year. Since Oliver's wife, Elizabeth Carver, paid the real estate taxes on the same property in 1826, and Oliver was listed in the 1825 tax list, Oliver most likely died in 1824, not 1821, at New Orleans, Orleans County, Louisiana, as described in the county history. No deed has been found transferring the land Oliver owned, and paid taxes on, to Elizabeth. Therefore, it can be surmised she inherited her dower's right to the land after her husband's death. Her children would have also inherited a portion of their father Oliver's property as his heirs. This should have been recorded in an estate or partition record, but none has been found. Elizabeth continued to pay taxes on this land for many years. She was listed as the head of household during the 1830 census with children whose ages matched Leander, Lucy, and Larret in Franklin Township, Clermont County, Ohio,[32] and again in the same location with children whose ages matched in 1840.[33] On 17 June 1848, Elizabeth Carver, Leander R. Carver, Larret W. Carver, James D. Turner, and his wife Lucy A. Turner, sold two parcels of land on the waters of Indian Creek in Clermont County. This land was known as survey number 1653[34] and was the same property purchased by Ralph and Oliver Carver in 1816.[9] No relationships were stated in this deed, but when compared to other records, it is obvious that these were her three children and son-in-law, all heirs of her husband, selling property they jointly owned. During the 1850 census, 50-year-old Elizabeth Carver was enumerated in 77-year-old Robert Brown's household in Franklin Township, Clermont County, Ohio.[35] In 1860, she was enumerated with Lucy and Mary E. Turner in Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio.[36] She was still listed as residing with Lucy Turner in (Felicity) Franklin Township, Clermont County, Ohio, in the 1870 census. In the occupation column, she is listed as living with her daughter.[25] Elizabeth Carver died on 6 May 1876, in Clermont County, Ohio,[37] two months after her son Leander passed. Fortunately, she left a will which listed Robert D. Carver as her grandson. Based on the phrasing of her will, Robert was a minor. The will states that if Robert D. Carver lived to the age of twenty-one, each of Elizabeth's children, Lucy A. Turner and L. W. Carver, were to pay him $166. She signed her will on 7 April 1876, and it was proved in Clermont County, Ohio, on 23 June 1876.[38] Elizabeth Carver was buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Felicity, Clermont County,

Ohio, at the age of 76 years and 2 months,[37] placing her birth about March 1800. The style of her headstone is very similar in design to Leander's. No death record has been found for her in Clermont County, Ohio.

Leander[8] Robert Carver, son of Oliver[7] and Elizabeth (Brown) Carver, was born at Franklin Township, Clermont County, Ohio, on 20 August 1818.[39] He married (1) **Sophia F. Pickett** at Hamilton County, Ohio, on 21 December 1852.[40] Sophia Carver died in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, on 9 October 1855.[41] She was buried in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, on 10 October 1855.[42] No known children resulted from this union. He married (2) **Anna Marie Fenley** at Hamilton County, Ohio, on 21 December 1856.[43] Leander and Anna have not been found in the 1860 census. In 1870, Leander and Anna were enumerated with one child, Robert Carver, in Franklin Township, Clermont County, Ohio.[44] Leander Carver died at Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio, on 26 March 1876.[45] His headstone in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio, has his death as 26 March 1876 and age as 58 years, 7 months, and 6 days.[46] placing his birth in the year 1818. Leander's death record lists his parents as Oliver and Elizabeth Carver. Anna has not been found in the 1880 or 1900 census records. Anna Maria (Fenley) Carver supposedly died in Ohio about 1905, but no death record or tombstone has been found and no probate record in Clermont County, Ohio, exists for Leander or Anna.

Robert[9] Dienaide Carver, son of Leander[8] and Anna Marie (Fenley) Carver, was born at Clermont County, Ohio, on 15 September 1865.[47] Birth records for most counties in Ohio start in 1867, so no birth record exists for him. No bible or church record has been found either. Robert Carver was listed as a 4-year-old child in the 1870 census with his parents,[44] but relationships were not listed, so the 1870 census cannot be used solely to prove kinship. He was not found in the 1880 census. Robert D. Carver married **Elizabeth Darby McGraw** at Clermont County, Ohio, on 15 September 1887.[48] He died at Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, on 11 April 1909. According to his death record, he was 43 years, 7 months, and 4 days old,[49] placing his calculated birth as 15 September 1865. His parents were not named on his death record. He has a memorial headstone in the Felicity Cemetery in Felicity, Clermont County, Ohio, which lists his birth year as 1865 and death year as 1909.[47] According to three obituaries/death notices in different newspapers, he was buried in the Oak Woods Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.[50] His middle name, Dienaide, has only been found on his daughter's (Roberta Thankful Carver) late birth registration.[51]

When direct evidence to prove kinship is lacking, make sure to "follow the money" and see if tax records, deeds, and other similar records can be used to connect your family. By carefully evaluating deeds, tax records, vital records, cemetery records, and census records for the Carver family and extended family members over several generations, as well as the probate record for Elizabeth Carver, Robert's grandmother, kinship between Robert D. Carver and his father Leander was established through indirect evidence. With this line now officially accepted by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants, other relatives who descend from Ralph Carver through his son Oliver Carver, grandson Leander Robert Carver, and great-grandson Robert D. Carver can now join GSMD through this family line too.

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Online Discoveries: Historic Information, Part Two

Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)

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Introduction

You are probably familiar with the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).[1] It is a nationwide list of historic buildings, sites, and other structures. That list is administered by the National Park Service. You may even know of a place in the NRHP that is connected with an ancestor or their extended family.

What many people do not realize is that the number of places in the NRHP (currently more than 96,000 of them) is significantly exceeded by the number of places that have been nominated to the NHRP but have not been added to it, as well as historic sites noted by the individual states. Each state has a State Historic Preservation Office[2] which oversees surveys of, and recognition of, historic properties, and that state's process for nominating places to the NHRP. The State Offices also oversee any projects which may impact historic places. State offices generally also maintain inventory forms for historic properties that have not been nominated to the NRHP.

State Historic Preservation Office Examples

My last column discussed the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information Center (MACRIS), which is the repository for forms nominating Massachusetts properties to the NRHP. In the MACRIS entry for a property the next-to-last column may contain a blue square bearing the letters "INV" in white. That is a link to a scanned and downloadable inventory or nomination form in PDF format (not all forms are available – scanning them is an ongoing process).

Massachusetts has a particularly well-organized database for finding and retrieving survey and nomination forms. Other states have very different systems for making those forms available. For an example, let's look at what is available

for Virginia, the state where I now live. The NRHP link for Virginia takes you to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) which is the State Historic Preservation Office for the Commonwealth of Virginia.[3] Virginia is typical of states where the county is the principal unit of local government (rather than the incorporated towns and cities typical of New England). Virginia local government is unique in that in addition to ninety-five counties, there are thirty-eight independant cities which are self-governing and are not part of any county. Virginia maintains a listing of historic properties in each county and city,[4] as well as a listing of Virginia's National Historic Landmarks,[5] documents for sites containing multiple properties,[6] and "lost" landmarks which have been delisted,[7] usually because a landmark has been demolished or has been destroyed by nature.

Examples of Inventory and Nomination Forms

For an example of the variety of historic properties that might be found in any Virginia county or city listing, let's look at Rockingham County, Virginia, the heart of the Shenandoah Valley.[8] The majority of listings for Rockingham County are houses and farms, such as the ca. 1800 Sites House, built by one of the early German pioneer families in the Shenandoah Valley and an outstanding example of a limestone farmhouse of the period, restored in the late 20th century. The accompanying nomination form describes, in detail, the house and its significance.

Another class of property found in the Rockingham County listings is the commercial property, including stores, mills, factories, stables, and quarries. As a big fan of water-powered mills, one of my favorites is Rife's Mill, also known as Bowman's Mill, named after two of its owners, and now generally called Silver Lake Mill. The accompanying nomination form describes the mill, its surroundings and lake, and its history.

Some forms describe historic districts, such as the Silver Lake Historic District – the village which grew up around

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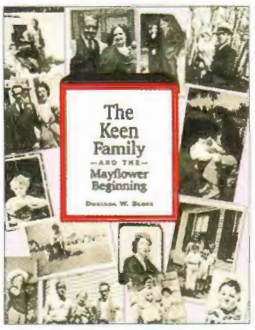
The Keen Family and the Mayflower Beginning



Dorinda W. Bloss

Dorinda W. Bloss, *The Keen Family and the Mayflower Beginning*. Amherst, MA: Genealogy House, 2020. xxvii + 269 pages; charts; illustrations; index. Hardback: ISBN 978-1-887043-38-0, $54.00. Available from Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, and other online book distributors.

Dorinda Bloss was bitten hard by the genealogy bug, as were so many other teenagers, as she listened to her grandmother's family stories. *The Keen Family* is clearly the result of decades upon decades of research, interviews, compilation, and transcription. Many sections have a "featured person," whose personal statistics are placed opposite photographs and copies of correspondence. There are several pages at the end of each chapter of lined paper headed "Notes" so that the reader can add further annotations. There is an index of surnames at the end, and it is carefully bound in a full colour cover (with the background being, appropriately, a hue of Mayflower pink).

Silver Lake Mill. Others include government buildings such as courthouses and post offices, and structures such as notable bridges.

Conclusion

Nomination forms for national and state historic preservation efforts can be a useful source of information about ancestral families, and may help you to better understand those families and their activities in the light of historical research.

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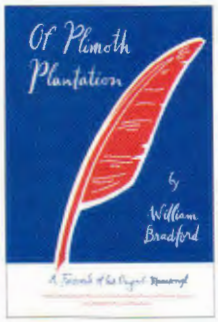
8 Online at https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/rockingham-county/

Although the title of the book trumpets a "Mayflower Beginning," I could only find a paltry five or six pages having to do with the *Mayflower* or any Mayflower passengers. The Keen family connects to Richard Warren, through his daughter Ann(a), and Bloss is to be commended for rescuing Elizabeth (Walker) Warren from the shadows in which her widowhood usually languishes in modern family histories. A line connecting to Edward Fuller is mentioned, but the actual lineage is nowhere given. Bloss claims that the fact that all of the Warren children survived into adulthood makes the family "unique," but that might be contested by John and Elizabeth (Tilley) Howland – and Bloss seems to miss the opportunity for several additional Mayflower lineages by failing to identify the Howland and Hopkins descendants that appear throughout the eighteenth century, to say nothing of the Delano connections. She hints of at least two Winslow descents, but fails to identify which Winslow brother(s) is the ancestor. The citations of sources (almost all of which are secondary) is sporadic and incomplete; there is, alas, no bibliography. The numbering of descendants is very difficult to follow – here a genealogical summary would have been very welcome, and would have been a marvellous opportunity to list sources.

One of the striking features of this book's presentation is the large number of reproductions and transcriptions of original correspondence and vital records; there are numerous photographs of people and reproductions of documents. But the effect is rather lessened by the reproduction of handwritten charts – given the omnipresence of word processing equipment, surely these could have quickly and easily been made much more legible. There are several Keen/Keane/Keene genealogies from the first half of the twentieth century, of varying reliability, but very few references occur here. While it is certainly evident that a lot of work has gone into the production of this very handsome book, it is evident that there is much, much more work to be done to make this a useful resource to anyone who is not mentioned in its pages.

– W.B.S.

Of Plimoth Plantation



William Bradford

Of Plimoth Plantation by William Bradford: A Facsimile of his Original Manuscript, by William Bradford; with introductory materials by the State Library of Massachusetts and Plimoth Patuxet Museums. Plymouth, MA: Plimoth Patuxet Press [Lowell, MA: King Printing Co.], 2020. xi + 317 pages; facsimiles; bibliography; index. Flexible binding: ISBN 978-0-578-69147-3, $29.95. Available from Plimoth Patuxet Museums at https://www.plimoth.com/products/of-plimoth-plantation.

Of the many disappointments arising from the cancellation in the past year of planned events for the four hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower*, one of the saddest was the elimination of the display of the original manuscript of William Bradford's journal at the Massachusetts State House in Boston

during the (planned) 2020 Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. In a sense, this would have been one of the few direct, visible, physical links between the Pilgrims and their descendants four hundred years later. Plimoth Plantation and *Mayflower II* are reproductions, however accurate they may be; gravestones and buildings are a generation or two later than the original landing; and other recollections, such as *Mourt's Relation* and *Good Newes from New England*, were published thousands of miles from where the Pilgrims settled. Only the select collection of artefacts in Pilgrim Hall can compare – Peregrine White's cradle, Bradford's Bible, the second Pierce Patent – but these, in a sense were products *for* the Pilgrims, and not products *of* the Pilgrims.

But the original of *Of Plimoth Plantation* is in a class by itself. Bradford began to write it around 1630, around ten years after the events he describes. He finished his chronicle of the first ten years within the following twelve months, and then added later history "in pieces" over the next decade and a half, concluding in 1647, and added a list of passengers, with their increasings and decreasings, in 1651. While that list was written over thirty years after the voyage, and is less than totally complete, it is still our only extensive list of who came on "the first ship": Bradford, neither in his journal, nor anywhere else, names the ship that brought him to America. There is a real thrill in looking over the list and finding, in Bradford's own handwriting, the name of each one of our ancestors.

And that is a real, though intangible, value of this facsimile. There are at least a dozen editions of *Of Plimoth Plantation*, some with original and some with modernised spelling (and one that advertises that it provides the text "in modern English"!), some with copious footnotes, some abridged, some unabridged, and some even illustrated. But this is the real deal, the original: Bradford's handwriting is still remarkably readable, particularly when compared with other seventeenth century manuscripts. This production also includes a chart of seventeenth century handwriting, which makes deciphering Bradford's work even easier. The original is approximately 11½" x 7¾," and this facsimile keeps the same measurements to give the reader a sense of holding it: there is no enlargement or reduction. The original contains about 580 pages, some of which are blank, and Bradford's "erratic page numbering" makes the ordering of the pages somewhat questionable.

This is *not* an edition, as not a single syllable has been altered or edited; the introduction, supplied by the State Library of Massachusetts, is short and minimal. The original manuscript speaks for itself, and is visible for what it is, and what it is not. The jacket note, descending into purple prose, alerts the reader to the sound of "Bradford's quill scratching the page as he documents the triumphs and tribulations of Plymouth Colony." I found most interesting the description of the actual manuscript itself, which, it was stated several times, is displayed only "rarely."

The story of the secrets and travels of this volume rival those of the Pilgrims themselves. Bradford made no additions after 1651, and he died in 1657. The journal was in the possession of his descendants for almost a century, eventually winding up in the library of Thomas Prince, the author of the *Annals of New England*, for which this manuscript served as a source. From its shelf in Boston's Old South Church, Bradford's journal disappeared at the time of the British evacuation; it reappeared in the library of the Bishop of London and was identified by a visiting scholar in 1855. After a long and somewhat tedious process of negotiation, hinging on arcane *minutiae* of canon law, the volume was returned in 1897 and entrusted to the State Library of Massachusetts, where it is currently preserved "under ideal environmental and security conditions."

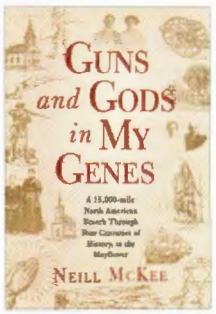
The entire bound volume was treated and digitised at the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Massachusetts in 2012, and fascinating is the description of the process of digitally capturing the work and of preserving this relic for posterity (surface cleaning, testing the inks, measuring the pH before and after treatment, washing and alkalisation of pages, sizing of pages with gelatin[!], and then reassembling the text block and removing the nineteenth century pages which had been added to the original). This digital version is available online at https://archives.lib.state.ma.us/handle/2452/208249, either complete, or just selected pages such as the Mayflower Compact or list of passengers.

I do hope to be able to see the original, in person, eventually. But until then, this production is a worthy record and memorial of what has been lauded as the "first work of American literature."

– W.B.S.

Guns and Gods in My Genes

Neill McKee



Neill McKee, *Guns and Gods in My Genes: A 15,000-mile North American Search Through Four Centuries of History, to the Mayflower.* Albuquerque, NM: NBFS Creations, 2020. xvii + 333 pages; maps; illustrations; index. Paperback: ISBN 978-0-7329457-3-9, $22.95; E-book: ISBN: 978-

1-7329457-4-7, $10.95. Available from Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, and other online book distributors.

I suspect that every Mayflower descendant has a slightly different story about how, when, and where the connection was first made to the long-ago ancestor who made the crossing from England to Plymouth. For some, having a relatively uncommon surname (like, well, "Soule") shared with a passenger meant that one always knew not only that one was a Mayflower descendant, but who that passenger was, even if not in a lot of detail.

For many, perhaps most, others, there is a longer journey of discovery, with twists and turns, surprises, success and failure, and many searching and probing questions not only about the ancestors, but also about one's self. Distant, intangible, unreliable, lost, our histories, both personal and national, are sometimes (at best) half-remembered and occasionally (at worst) actively misrepresented. Neill McKee's *Guns and Gods in My Genes* is one story, and while it could easily be classified as a travelogue – and it certainly is that – the journey is every bit as internal as it is external.

Of particular interest are the final few chapters in which McKee zig-zags across New England, ending up at Plimoth Plantation. A thorough researcher, his encounters with the living history re-enactors almost sound like examinations, to see whether the "Living History Educator" (why is it capitalised?) has actually done his or her homework. McKee is descended from the Reverend John Robinson, the Pilgrims' pastor in Leiden who died in 1625 before he was able to join them in the New World, through Robinson's son Isaac, who did come to the Plymouth Colony in 1631. But the actual Mayflower connection is to Edward Fuller, through his son Matthew and an unending and confusing, but thoroughly typical, collection of Fuller men all named Samuel.

Although there are a number of ministers in his pedigree, McKee believes that while most of his ancestors "claimed faith in Jesus Christ," they in fact simply conformed to conventional behaviour, rather than practising what they believed. He reached this conclusion "based on the information I found" (p. 283), although he does not say what that information was. Assessing the religious belief of the Pilgrims is probably the most difficult thing a twenty-first century researcher can do, because there has been a massive change in the intervening four centuries not only in Protestantism and Christianity, but in our understanding of religion itself. Most now view religion as a private matter (one might almost say "opinion"), a stance that would have been not only foreign to their sensibilities, but firmly rejected not only by the Pilgrims but by almost everyone else in the seventeenth century. It is difficult to think of how the Pilgrims could have been willing to cut ties to everything because of their religious beliefs, if their religion was merely "social" (p. 282).

This leads to a certain anachronism, which is almost inevitable when one is trying to place oneself in a totally foreign, not to say ancient, context. While McKee quotes William Faulkner's famous line about the past not even being the past, he surprisingly doesn't refer to L. P. Hartley's equally famous line from *The Go-Betweens*: "The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there." We cannot change the past, but as thousands of people who discover or rediscover their ancestors have found, the past has a great power to change us.

While McKee's more recent (Canadian) ancestors were farmers, the earlier (American) ancestors are all linked to wars, the most recent being the War Between the States, but stretching back to the American Revolution, the French and Indian War, and the various colonial Indian Wars. Along the way we are introduced to modern characters (I chuckled at the kind Southern matron who tried to give McKee a certificate of Confederate service for his Yankee ancestor who fought in the Wisconsin Iron Brigade, because she had run out of Union certificates) and older connections (such as Benedict Arnold and John André). There is a long excursus on the 1692 execution of Giles Cory in Salem, Massachusetts: while Cory was the only person who died by "pressing" in America, it was the common law punishment for refusal to enter a plea (he "stood mute") in a criminal trial. By refusing to plead, property could pass to heirs instead of being confiscated upon a guilty verdict, or, as in the famous case of Margaret Clitherow in York (1582), the refusal to enter a plea avoided a trial in which her own children would have been obliged to give evidence.

McKee's internal journey concerned his wrestling with the possibility of obtaining American citizenship, and the final chapter deals with that choice explicitly. His comparison of the oaths of allegiance to the United States and to Canada is insightful, and McKee must be applauded for coming to the conclusion that words mean what they say. The marvellous and skilful intertwining of the two journeys was the greatest value of the book – and I read it twice, each time seeing something new in the journey and in the storyteller.

– W.B.S.

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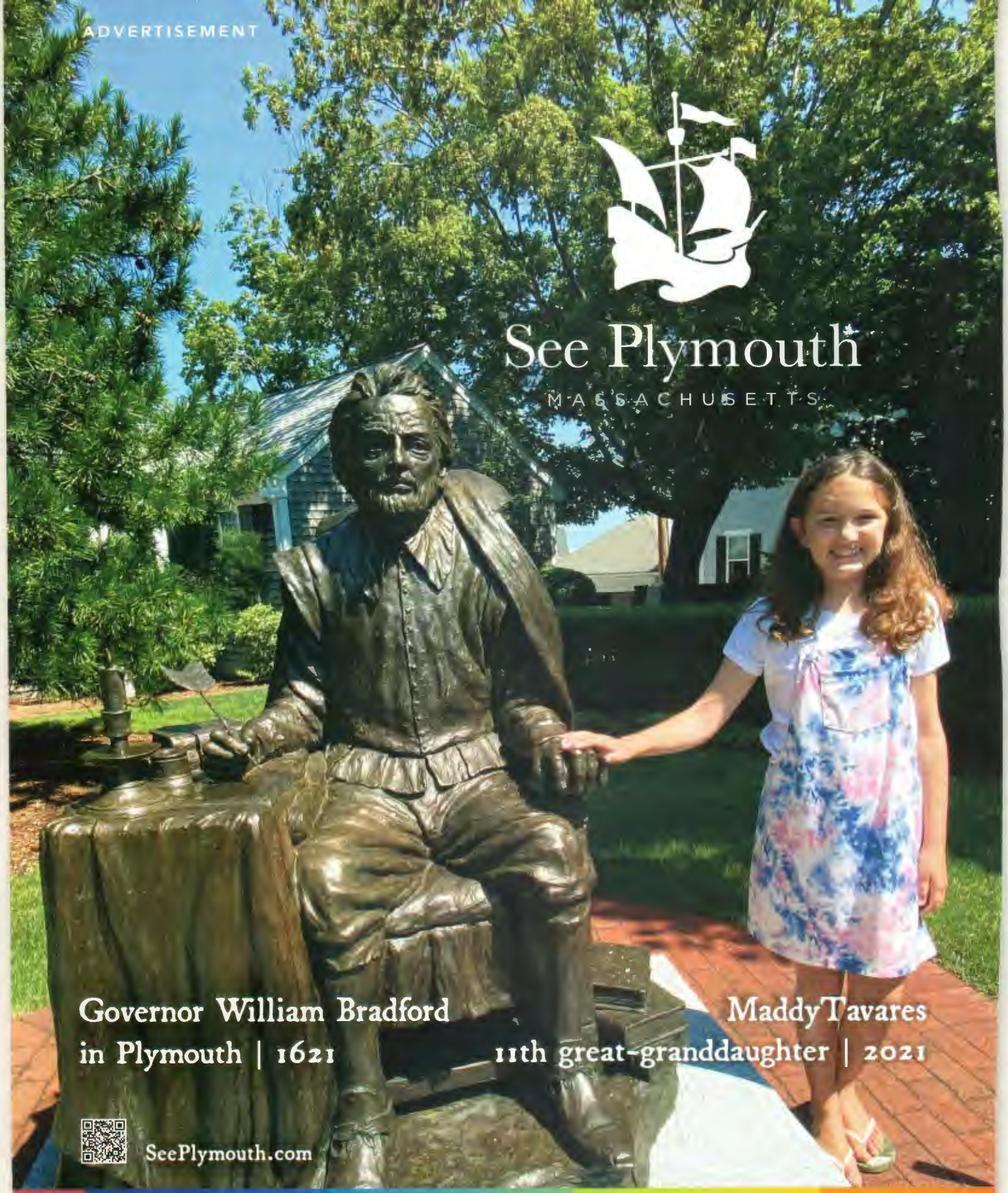

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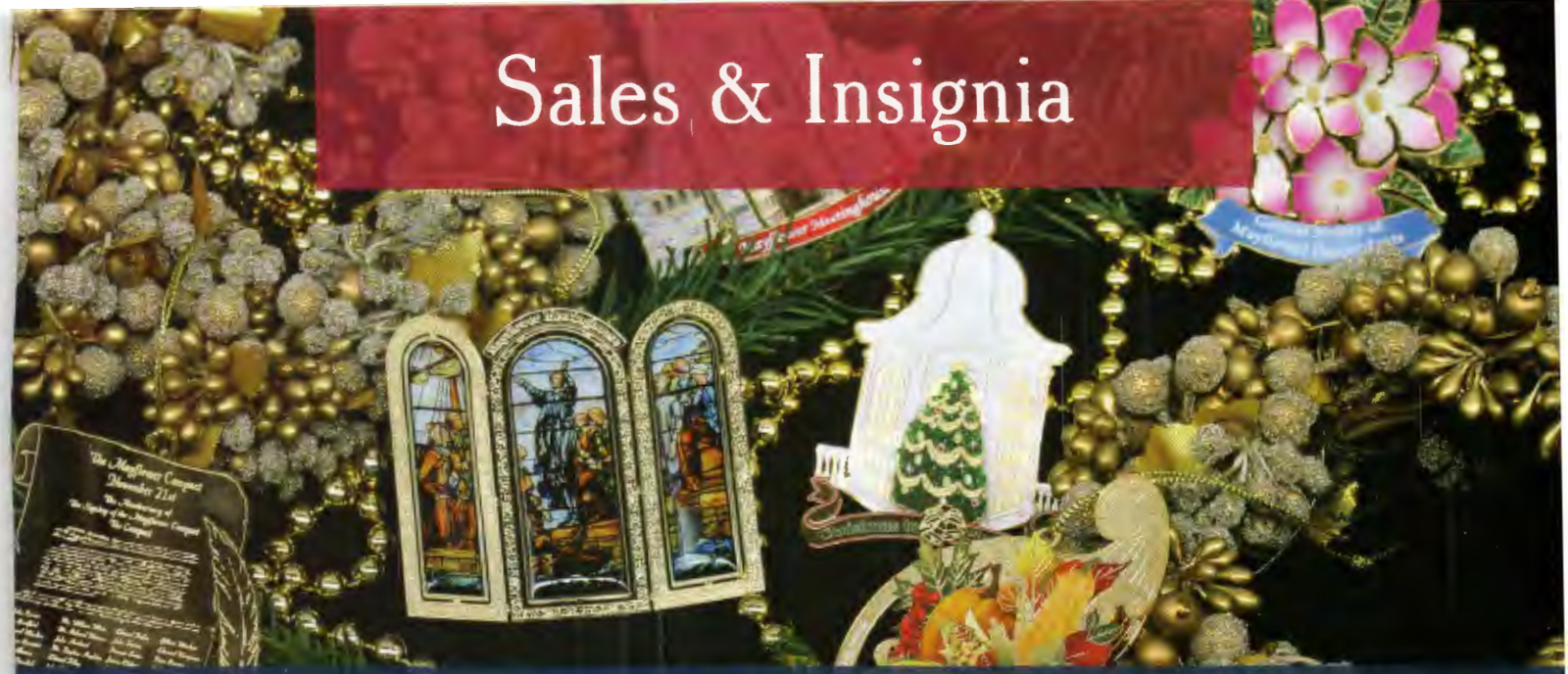

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